

LABOUR IN PIT STRIKE TURMOIL

Benn strike call 'astounds' Kinnock

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

THE Labour party's divisions over the miners' strike widened last night as Mr Wedgwood Benn publicly contradicted Mr Kinnock and raised the possibility of a general strike in support of Mr Scargill.

Mr Benn, M.P. for the mining constituency of Chesterfield and a member of Labour's National Executive, declared at a meeting in Huntingdon: "The Labour movement has got to face the fact that a general strike might become necessary to protect free trade unionism, ballot box democracy, political freedom and civil liberties in Britain."

He did so only a few hours after Mr Kinnock had made it clear in a meeting with Mr Scargill that he was not in favour of a general strike.

The Labour leader also told the NUM president that the strike leaders had to do something to stop picket-line violence, which was damaging the party's case in the coal dispute.

The suggestion of a general strike was put forward by Mr Dennis Skinner, M.P. for the mining constituency of Bolsover, a member of the National Executive and a close ally of Mr Benn.

Mr Kinnock, showing irritation at the suggestion, replied: "Any call for a general strike would be disastrous."

"The prospect of one is nil, and any threat of a general strike without the prospect of a strike would be seriously damaging to the movement in putting the case for coal. It would be yet another cul-de-sac."

Mr Benn, who has hinted at a possible general strike before, knew of Mr Kinnock's attitude when he made his speech last night.

Violence obstructs
a powerful case

He was not present when the Labour leadership met NUM officials yesterday morning to clear up misunderstandings over the party's support for the striking miners.

Last night Mr Kinnock was said to be astounded by Mr Benn's call, given his stated belief in Socialism and grasp of trade union history.

It was seen as providing just the kind of destruction of the case for coal that Mr Kinnock had been anxious to avoid.

Later, during an interview on the Central TV programme "Central Lobby", Mr Kinnock said: "I think that is rather a romantic view of affairs, and rather exaggerated."

"But in many ways, much

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more important, it gives you people in the media something to talk and write about. Talk of a general strike that will not take place is a distraction from the main issue."

At the hour-long meeting with NUM leaders, Mr Kinnock stressed: "The Labour party has put the case for coal, will go on doing that, and wants to do it because the case is powerful."

But the case is being obstructed by violence. Everything possible has to be done to stop the case for coal being obstructed in this way."

Mr Scargill, who was accompanied by Mr Mick McGahey, vice-president, and Mr Roger Windsor, the union's chief executive who was involved in the talks with Col. Gadhafi, made no response to Mr Kinnock's view of the violence.

However, Mr Scargill did say that he is not asking the TUC to support or call for a general strike.

This came as a surprise to many who believed the NUM was seeking support for a general strike, given that one of their demands yesterday was for the TUC General Council to be convened with a view to mobilising the movement.

The Labour party fully endorsed the NUM's demands.

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**MORE MINERS IN
RECEIVER MOVE**

The Midlands area council of the NUM is expected today to discuss a plan by working miners to take High Court action and to call in the receiver to handle the affairs of the area.

Mr Cyril Dickinson, branch president, said 50 men from pits in Staffordshire and Warwickshire were prepared to put their names to a legal document to start proceedings.

TUC steers clear of contempt risk

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE TUC yesterday reaffirmed its support for the striking miners but, on the advice of its lawyers, drew back from offering any assistance which might put it in contempt of court.

Mr Arthur Scargill, and his fellow NUM leaders had spent six and a half hours with the seven-man TUC liaison committee during which they sought direct financial help to maintain the strike and alternative office facilities should they be evicted from their headquarters by a court-appointed receiver.

Press for action

The TUC "elders" had been advised by their lawyers that, while they can give moral support to the miners, any move for action in support of the NUM's industrial objectives would be construed as an attempt to help or encourage the union in its challenge to the courts to minimise the effects of the appointment of a receiver.

Blatant provision of alternative premises for the NUM's staff would certainly fall within that ambit and the TUC leaders said they could not contemplate that.

The TUC did agree to investigate "all possible measures" to

**APPOINTMENT TO
KILL' MAN JAILED**

William Wood, who murdered a solicitor's wife in Bristol last October after making an appointment with her to view her house, was jailed for life last night at Bristol Crown Court, with a recommendation to serve at least 20 years.

Wood, 32, had intended to rob Mrs Adrienne Hill, 40, at her home in Constitution Hill, Clifton, but the plan went wrong and he beat her to death with a hammer.

Receiver seeks to quit

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

MR HERBERT BREWER, the Derbyshire solicitor appointed by the High Court last Friday as receiver of the assets of the National Union of Mineworkers, has asked to stand down, a judge in London was told yesterday.

His decision was due partly to attacks on his credentials as a suitable receiver. He is a former Conservative councillor.

But Mr Justice Mervyn Davies refused to accept his resignation at once and ordered that he must continue in office at least until today, when the court will rule on an application to have the appointment of a receiver renewed.

If Mr Brewer's resignation is accepted it is expected that he will be replaced by Mr Michael Arnold, 48, senior insolvency partner in the firm, Arthur Young, McClelland Moores and Co which has offices close to the Law Courts.

Both were in court yesterday as the judge heard an application by 16 working miners for confirmation of the receivership.

Dublin visit

Mr Brewer, who is senior partner in a firm of solicitors in Ilkerton, had stepped in last week to act as receiver at the request of Mr David Negus, solicitor for the 16 miners who had brought the emergency receivership application.

Since his appointment was confirmed by the Court of Appeal at a special Saturday sitting, he had been to Luxembourg and Dublin to lay claim to £4,500,000 and £2,700,000 of the union's assets deposited in banks there by the union's trustees in an attempt to avoid their seizure by High Court sequestrators.

His appointment angered some union members and Labour M.P.s because of his associations with the Conservative party.

Reporting to the court yesterday on his brief spell as receiver, his counsel, Mr Philip Fretton, explained that criticisms that his client's appointment was "highly provocative" had played a part in his decision to stand down although "many of the criticisms were not accepted."

In view of the magnitude of

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**POISON GAS
ABORTIONS
IN BHOPAL**

Doctors in Bhopal, India, have aborted many pregnant victims of the poison gas leak from the American-built pesticide plant and authorities said Monday's leak of methyl isocyanate from the Union Carbide plant was likely to cause long-term environmental and health problems.

Blindness, sterility, mental retardation and kidney and liver damage are likely side effects of gas poisoning. Eight cases of stillbirth were reported at Hamidia hospital, the largest in Bhopal, where doctors said pregnant women were brought to the hospital in terrible pain and had to be aborted.

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**BNOC TO CHANGE
OIL PRICING**

By Our Business Correspondent

A shake-up in the way oil prices are fixed is being planned by the British National Oil Corporation, backed out last month by the Government with a £45 million grant because of rising North Sea trading losses.

The corporation is planning to abandon quarterly fixed price contracts and take more account of trends in the independent spot market. Changes by BNOC will have international repercussions and could signal the start of major changes in the oil market price structure.

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**WAKEHAM VISITS
HIS OFFICE**

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip, visited his office in Downing Street yesterday for the first time since he was badly injured in the Brighton hotel bomb attack in October.

The Prime Minister and colleagues welcomed him back. Mr Wakeham, who is walking with the aid of crutches, is not expected to return to work until the New Year.

**MAN KILLED BY
KNIFE INTRUDER**

A young man was left dying after a fight in front of a girlfriend yesterday. Brian Kemp, 25, fought back as an intruder armed with a butcher's knife broke into a girl's flat in Worcester Drive, Rayleigh, Essex.

The intruder ran off, leaving Mr Kemp bleeding from multiple wounds. He died later in Southend General Hospital.



Mr Herbert Brewer in London yesterday after a High Court judge had been told that he wanted to stand down as the NUM official receiver.

Reagan seeks pay cuts of 5pc

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN has proposed a one-year, five per cent pay cut for the Government's 2.1 million federal civilian employees in his effort to slash the budget deficit, and is willing to take a 10 per cent cut in his own \$203,000 salary.

The White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, said that at a meeting with Republican congressional leaders Mr Reagan said he would "lead the charge" in his efforts to cut the deficit, now approaching \$200 billion.

The average salary of an American federal employee in Washington is about \$57,700 and the average pay cut that Mr Reagan is calling for works out at about \$1,880.

But Mr Reagan's plan for a drastic \$24 billion cutback in domestic spending appeared to startle his audience.

"I had to swallow again," said the Republican leader of the House. Congressman Robert Michel "It isn't going to fly" predicted Congressman Bill Green.

The new Senate Republican leader, Senator Robert Dole said there had been discussion about members of Congress and other senior officials taking a ten per cent pay cut.

Mr Reagan's plan calls for a one-year 5 per cent across the board cut for all federal civilian employees, starting in January, 1986, to save \$5 billion.

Other proposals include freezing the cost of living benefits on all programmes except social security, reducing farm price supports and eliminating or cutting back many government programmes.

These moves are certain to provoke a major clash in Congress.

**2 IRA MEN
KILLED AT
HOSPITAL**

By CON COUGHLIN in Belfast

TWO IRA gunmen were shot dead by an undercover army patrol yesterday as they prepared to try to murder members of the Ulster Defence Regiment at Londonderry psychiatric hospital.

They were killed after riding into the grounds of the Grange Hospital on a motor-cycle. Witnesses said soldiers in civilian clothes opened fire with automatic weapons as the two men approached the main hospital buildings.

The IRA men were Daniel Doherty, 25, of Rathlin Drive, Greggan Estate, Londonderry, and William Fleming, 19, of Rose Court, Londonderry.

Councillor Gregory Campbell, leader of the Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist party, and deputy chairman of the security committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly, said: "Every right-thinking person will be delighted that Christmas and Santa have arrived early in the form of two dead IRA men."

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RA ELECTS de GREY

The new president of the Royal Academy is to be Roger de Grey, who was elected overwhelmingly yesterday to succeed Sir Hugh Casson.

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Today's Weather

General: Striving. Deep depression slow moving near Iceland, with associated troughs passing close to N.W. Britain.

London, Midlands, S.E. Cent. S. E. England, E. Wales, G. Coast: S.W. light to moderate rain. Wind S. light to moderate. Max. 48F (12C).

S.W. England, S. Wales: Mostly dry, cloudy. Wind S.W. moderate or fresh. 52F (11C).

N. England, S. Scotland, N. Ireland: Rain at times. Wind S.W. fresh, locally strong. 48F (10C).

S. North Sea, St. Mary's or Down, E. of G. (E.): Wind S.W. force 3, locally 6F. Sea moderate becoming rough.

Irish Sea: S.W. and E. occasional severe gale S. Very rough. Onset: Mostly dry, bright spells, overcast for

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Skyjackers kill hostage after plea for life

By OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF

TERRORISTS holding about 70 hostages in a skyjacked airliner at Teheran airport shot more of their captives yesterday. Reports of the number of people killed since the Kuwaiti airlines Airbus was seized varied from three to five.

One of those killed yesterday was said to be an American official who pleaded with Kuwaiti officials to meet the terrorists' demands before he was shot on the steps leading from the plane.

His body was dumped on the tarmac until relief workers removed it in an ambulance.

The hostages were said to be tied to their seats with ropes and watched over by four skyjackers brandishing pistols and carrying grenades.

In Washington the State Department said that a passenger killed on Tuesday, the first day of the skyjacking, might have been one of three officials of the United States Agency for International Development who were among the passengers.

About 70 people — most of them Pakistani and mainly women and children — have been released since the plane landed at Teheran after being seized following a stopover at Dubai on a flight from Kuwait to Pakistan.

Hired terrorists

The skyjackers are believed to be "terrorists for hire," members of the Damascus-based Abu Nidal organisation working for another group.

Despite its recent announcement of a "get tough" policy on terrorism, the United States Administration seemed unable to take any action.

The White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, said: "This is a very critical stage in dealing with some terrorists and no time to be talking in public about it."

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British pilot

The hostages include two Britons, Captain Harry Clarke, one of the two pilots and Mr Neil Beeston, 40, Kuwaiti Airlines' maintenance manager in Dubai. Mr Beeston, who is married with two stepdaughters and a son, lives in Surrey.

The Iranian news agency IRNA gave a graphic account of the murder of the American passenger yesterday.

It reported: "At 5.30 p.m. was given to him, he pleaded with the hijackers to let him out of the aircraft and started counting down, threatening to kill them."

"One of the passengers asked for a loudspeaker and after it was given to him, he pleaded with the hijackers to let him out of the aircraft and started counting down, threatening to kill them."

The news agency said the American, a consular official based in Pakistan, said: "I'll tell the hijackers to let me go. I'll tell the hijackers to let me go. I'll tell the hijackers to let me go."

IRNA continued: "At 4 p.m. the hijackers brought two of the passengers outside the door of the aircraft and announced that only five more minutes time was left. Meanwhile, the negotiations continued with the Kuwaiti officials at the airport through a translator."

"The hijackers then killed the American passenger by firing six bullets."

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**ALL-PARTY
PLEA OVER
BOOKS TAX**

By Our Political Staff

An all-party campaign to persuade the Chancellor, Mr Lawson, not to impose Value Added Tax on books was launched at the Commons yesterday.

More than 150 M.P.s headed by Mr Edward Du Cann, former chairman of the Conservative Backbench 1972 Committee, have signed a motion urging Mr Lawson not to make such a change in his next Budget.

Mr Du Cann said yesterday that books had been exempted from VAT at the outset because they made a "unique contribution" to society, and nothing had changed.

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BRITAN DENIES TORY MORALITY IS INFERIOR

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

MR BRITAN, Home Secretary, voiced frustration last night at the continuing inability of the Government's critics to depict Conservative ideals as morally inferior to those of the Left.

Recent criticism by bishops and others, he said, showed "how many thoughtful and conscientious people still misunderstand and distrust the Government's ultimate objectives."

He expressed surprise that left-wing critics were still able to gain support for claims that their own policies were inherently superior when the record of socialism at home and abroad had been one of failure.

By contrast, Mr Brittan insisted, the Conservative vision of Britain's future was not only morally superior to the alternatives advanced by the Government's critics, but had also proved more successful in practical terms.

The Home Secretary was speaking at Westminster to a meeting of the Conservative Bow Group, of which he is a former chairman.

His speech not only indicated the extent to which Ministers are irritated by persistent Opposition claims that they do not care about unemployment and other social ills, but also suggested that a fightback was now under way.

'Moral unease'

Ministerial concern is the greater because the scale of the Conservatives' General Election victory last year led them to believe that they had largely won the argument, yet now found that they were having to do so all over again in a changed political climate.

Mr Brittan acknowledged that the Government's policies had given rise to "pervasive moral unease" which was usually channelled into three specific criticisms.

First, there was the attack described as monetarism, by Government was exclusively which they meant that the

on what critics inaccurately concerned with beating inflation and insufficiently so — or not at all — with unemployment.

"The second major criticism levelled against us is, in a word, that we just don't care, or at least we are not perceived to be so. The third major criticism is perhaps the most central to our critics' case: it is that we are making society more unequal and strengthening divisions within it."

The Home Secretary went on to take issue with each of these arguments in turn, insisting for a start that attacks on monetarism were based on a false premise and that reducing inflation was the most important contribution any Government could make towards bringing down unemployment.

Heavily increased

Mr Brittan also defended Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet against claims that they did not care, saying that spending in real terms on Social Services and the National Health Service had been heavily increased.

He could not resist a side-swipe at the Bishop of Durham, complaining that those who had badly needed help from the Government "do not simply fit into the Dickensian categories of children without shoes, beloved of some commentators."

The argument that the Government was dividing society by its policies was equally false, he said. Inequality in levels of employment had more to do with past resistance to change than present efforts to respond to it.

Home-made IRA bombs easier to spot

By OUR BELFAST STAFF

THE success of the Northern Ireland security forces in preventing IRA terrorists obtaining commercial explosives is forcing them to make their own.

Terrorists are now having to make bombs with large quantities of home-made explosives with just a small amount of commercial explosive attached as a "primer".

Home-made explosive, which is usually made out of fertiliser with a high nitrogen content, has only about one quarter of the explosive capability of commercial explosives.

This has meant that the IRA has been forced to lay land mines of between 500lb and 400lb of home-made explosive, usually packed into beer barrels or gas cylinders, when setting an ambush for military and police vehicles.

This makes the task of detecting terrorist attack much easier for the security forces.

A large number of metal canisters at the side of a road is more easily spotted than a purpose-built military device. The 900lb of explosive which a gang of IRA terrorists were discovered up when they were discovered by an SAS unit at the weekend was one of the larger types of home-made bomb placed in recent months.

"Although it was only home-made explosive, it would have had a devastating effect on a passing armoured vehicle," a senior security official said. Similar amounts of home-made explosive have been used in the past and one such attack completely destroyed an Army Saracen armoured personnel carrier in South Armagh last year.

Metal beer barrels have become popular with the IRA since the mid-70s because they are compact, are easily filled with home-made explosives, are easy to move around and give off a shrapnel effect when detonated, causing the maximum amount of damage.

Doubts on course of economy

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

THE Government's autumn statement on the economy was criticised yesterday as "rather unsafe and a gambler's view."

There was also severe criticism of the Government's procedure in deciding public expenditure, and members of the Cabinet were advised to follow more the example of a company board who collectively made decisions on spending cuts.

Criticisms were made yesterday by the Conservative-dominated Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee who, in a report, express very serious doubts on the Government's economic course.

At a Press conference to launch the report, Mr Mark Fisher, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, said: "The autumn statement is a thoroughly unsafe and precarious gambling assumption."

"He is gambling on a continuing weak pound, and makes the entire statement a rather unsafe and a gambler's view of what might happen if everything works well."

Mr Terence Higgins, committee chairman and Tory MP for Worthing, said he thought that both the Chancellor's aim to introduce tax cuts and the adhering to the public spending borrowing requirement were "fragile."

"Illusion" condemned While Mr Anthony Beaumont, Dark, Tory MP for Selly Oak, condemned the Chancellor's promise of tax cuts as "illusion."

He said it ought to be emphasised that if tax cuts were going to be made they would be paid from the nationalised industries. "It is an illusion to talk about tax cuts if people's water, gas, and electricity prices which they cannot avoid are going to increase."

Their main criticism, however, was unreservedly on the machinery of the Cabinet to change so that they would actually discuss the financing of departments.

Mr John Browne, Conservative MP for Winchester, said that just in the light of the grants row it was obvious there was a lack of planning and coordination in Government spending.

"Sensitive areas" "Hopefully, the Government will accept our comments and there will be proper Cabinet decision on sensitive areas of spending."

While Mr Higgins added that the Cabinet was "too vertical in structure," he said: "It does not get involved in a very serious way. It does not hear the politically-sensitive discussions on options only the Government package."

FEMINIST FRIEND FOR SANTA

Feminist members of Birkhead Labour party have decided that during the season of goodwill men enjoy an unfair advantage through the "male stereotype" image of Santa Claus.

To correct the imbalance they have invented their own Mother Christmas who will make her debut tomorrow, dressed in blue and green, alongside a traditional Santa as a party for children of the unemployed and striking miners.



Miss Joy Kinsley, 52, who has been appointed as governor of Brixton Prison, the first woman to hold the post, and (right) Mr Colin Allen, her successor at Holloway Prison.

Tugmen may have to pay 'closed shop' bill

By COLIN RANDALL

EIGHT tugmen from Bristol face the prospect of being ordered to share a compensation bill of up to £90,000 in an industrial tribunal case brought by three colleagues who were sacked

for refusing to join the Transport Union.

DEATH-SHIP GAS TEST BY STAND-IN, 19

A 19-YEAR-OLD youth told an inquest yesterday how he stood in for his analyst step-father and declared an oil tanker free of gas only hours before it blew up, killing four men and injuring 16 others.

The inquest at Haverfordwest heard that the empty 2,800-ton tanker Pointsman had docked at nearby Milford Haven in June for repairs to valves in the pump room.

A phone call requesting "a chemist" was made to Mr Keith Izard, an analyst who ran the local office of Knight International, a firm of marine surveyors with offices throughout the world.

But he was away in India, and his step-son, Andrew Hammond, went instead. He told the inquest he had taken an interest in his step-father's work, "especially the gas side," and Mr Izard had allowed him to take readings using an explosimeter, which registered the presence of explosive vapours.

It registered 0

He went round the Pointsman with the chief officer, Mr Eamon Cowman. When they got to the three-storey high pump room he stayed at the "very top" and Mr Cowman went down into the room holding the end of a pipe connected to the explosimeter.

Mr Hammond pumped a handset to suck air through the pipe to the meter, which recorded 0 per cent of gas. He then sat in his step-father's car and wrote out eight gas-free certificates for various parts of the ship, permitting "hot work" with welded lights to take place.

WOMAN TO RUN BRIXTON

By T. A. SANDROCK Crime Correspondent

MISS JOY KINSLEY, 52, has been appointed the first woman governor of Brixton, the country's toughest remand prison which holds 800 men, some of them top security risks. She will be taking up the post in the New Year.

But it will not be her first experience in running a male prison.

She was the first woman governor of the mainly male prison at Puckchurch, near Bristol. Miss Kinsley, a qualified nursing sister, joined the prison service in 1966, served at several prisons and was deputy regional director, South East, before being appointed governor of Holloway, the Women's Prison in 1982.

Great challenge

She said yesterday that she was delighted at her appointment. "It is a great challenge and I am looking forward to it."

"I have worked in an all-male establishment before so I am used to the different problems that arise."

"Establishments like Holloway and Brixton present different problems, but the prime necessity is that you are able to do your job as a governor well."

Mr Colin Allen, 42, governor of Maidstone Prison, is to take over from Miss Kinsley at Brixton. He has been a women's prison in 1962 and has had almost exclusively female governors over the past 40 years.

Other appointments announced were: Mr Alan Rayfield, 48, governor of Parkhurst, to become deputy regional director South West; Mr John Rumball, 49, to governor of Parkhurst; Mr Barry Smith, 49, to be governor of Hull; and Mr Richard Tilt, 50, to be governor of Gartree on promotion.

GWENT MINERS SEEK VOTE ON RETURN

A group of striking South Wales miners called yesterday for a ballot on a possible return to work by the 580-strong workforce at Markham Colliery, Gwent.

A pithead vote will be demanded when the men attend a lodge meeting on Sunday. Union officials will be challenged to offer any convincing reason for continuing the strike.

But local union officials last night described the back-to-work move as "insignificant".

FOOD HAMPER FOR FAMILIES

Sheffield's Labour controlled city council, which has already spent £100,000 on food vouchers for miners' families, now plans to give every strike-hit family in the city a £50 Christmas food hamper.

But the plan has brought an angry reaction from opposition councillors who say there are more deserving cases. The council is to spend £42,000 on providing a hamper for each of the 1,400 miners' families.

MINERS REMANDED

Two striking miners accused of murdering Mr David Wilkie, a South Wales taxi driver, were remanded in custody for another week when they made brief appearance at Merthyr Taff yesterday. An inquest on Mr Wilkie, 35, is due to be formally opened at Merthyr today.

'Old boy' network takes place of law with Luxembourg

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE sequestrators' initial failure to get hold of the National Union of Mineworkers' £4.7 million deposited with a Luxembourg bank has sharpened British interest in an EEC convention covering civil judgments.

BANK 'HAS ACTED PROPERLY'

By ANNE SEGALL

A SPOKESMAN for the Bank of England said yesterday that the bank has no direct point of contact with Luxembourg as the country's monetary affairs are handled out of Belgium.

Although Britain notified its intention of acceding to the Convention in 1972 it has not done so.

Yesterday, however, a Foreign Office spokesman said ratification was being "actively considered" and could be expected shortly.

The Foreign Office's legal department refused to speculate on whether the convention would apply to the N U M deposit with Nobis Finanz International.

However, a lawyer with a knowledge of the Community was doubtful whether it was relevant to the delicate field of disputed bank accounts.

It would not, in any case, be retrospective if Britain acceded to it next year, and the N U M dispute was still continuing.

With further court hearings in London still to come, the Foreign Office has not involved itself in the affair on the diplomatic plane.

But those with a knowledge of how the Community works believe it is almost certain that there have been approaches by Britain to Luxembourg via the "old boy" network.

According to Mr Jaans, the response of Banque Nobis to the British court order, over ownership of N U M funds has been perfectly proper. "I understand and sympathise with their action," he said.

Mr Jaans said the bank was simply making sure that it would not have to end up paying twice for the same money.

'Communist Scargill' lashed by U.S. writer

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

THE most blistering attack on Mr Arthur Scargill to appear in America's Press was published yesterday in the WASHINGTON POST from a leading American conservative columnist, Mr George Will.

"If Britain named, as TIME magazine does, a 'Man of the Year,' meaning the person who most dominates the news, the winner would be the most detested man in Britain, the union leader. He is a vain, oily, reptilian Stalinist named Arthur Scargill. The name is as Dickensian as 'Wackford Squeers,' a comparably unpleasant character," wrote Mr Will.

Mr Scargill, writes the columnist, "has been sustained by the cowardice of the Labour party, and especially of its leader, Neil Kinnock."

"If Kinnock had the kidney to denounce Scargill as a vicious anti-democrat, Kinnock might not be so generally considered invulnerable."

"Incalculable damage is being done to Britain's public life by corrosive extremism. Recently a mob of Labour MPs, operating at the margin of violence and practising emotional intimidation, surged around the floor of the House of Commons, tore up the notes of the Minister who was speaking and forced adjournment of the session."

"When the leader of the Trades Union Council was insufficiently ardent in a speech in support of the miners, he was criticised the violence, he was howled down, a noose was hung over his head."

"Mr Scargill has always denied membership of the Communist party."

Another 63 go back

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

THE Coal Board gave the following figures yesterday from mining areas. These figures do not take account of "new starters" at coal products plants, development sites, or returning members of the N U M's clerical section.

Normal working Some coal Non-normal working

Scotland 2 10 11 2,268 12,500
N. East 15 2 11 3,171 20,200
N. Yorks 12 2 2 575 15,000
Doncaster 14 2 1 187 15,000
Barnsley 14 1 9 1,852 17,300
S. Yorks 7 2 1 402 12,800
N. Derbys 25 1 21 4,785 10,000
Notts 10 1 21 8,818 50,000
S. Mids 10 6 7 11,157 8,558
Western 7 21 11,157 12,000
S. Wales 3 3 116 18,800
Kent 3 3 116 2,114

A NOTHER 63 miners abandoned the strike yesterday, according to the Coal Board, taking the total so far this week to 556.

The highest number was in the "barometer" coalfield of North Derbyshire, which is wedged between striking Yorkshire and working Nottinghamshire. Of its 10,000 miners, 4,785 are now at work.

In Staffordshire, the coal board's Western Region said that another pit, Halditch in the north of the county, returned to normal production for the first time during the strike yesterday.

Of the 18 collieries in the region, 10 are now working normally, with the other six producing some coal.

NOTTS POLICE TO REJOIN SQUAD

Nottinghamshire police are to rejoin the Regional Crime Squad after pulling out earlier this year because of the cost of the miners' dispute. It was decided by the county's police committee yesterday.

It was agreed at talks with Home Office representatives that there would be a review of the squad, which is made up of officers from several counties.

£5 buys him a pair of boots.

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DRINK-DRIVE CAMPAIGN DEFENDED

By JOHN LANGLEY Motoring Correspondent
LAUNCHING the Government's £1,150,000 Christmas publicity drive against drink and driving yesterday, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Transport Minister defended the campaign against criticism that it appears to endorse limited drinking.

The campaign is aimed specifically at the youngest drivers and motor-cyclists, with the message "STAY LOW OR YOU MAY LIVE TO REGRET IT."

Chief Inspector Alex Leitch of Grampian Police said his force felt the campaign was "almost inviting people to take some drink."

Strathclyde, Fife, Lothian and Borders, and Tayside police have said they will not use the posters and pamphlets.

Mr Derek Rutherford, director of the Institute of Alcohol Studies, an educational charity, said that if the campaign had any effect at all, it was more likely to increase than reduce road accidents.

Mrs Chalker said: "Of course, the only safe message is not drinking if you are driving. But we are trying to be realistic."

"We are not saying prohibition, that is not the law. What we are doing is trying to educate people to think about what they are doing."

"You can't preach" "You have got to be realistic in educating people away from drinking and driving. To say 'Leave the car at home to everybody is as unrealistic as asking everybody not to drink anything."

"The message has got to be believable. You can't preach at young people or be authoritarian about this."

Rejecting complaints that the campaign was "not strong enough," Mrs Chalker said: "I still shudder when I look at the posters."

The poster campaign concentrates on three youngsters: Steve's Saturday on the terrace shows a young man crippled and sitting in a wheelchair on the steps of a nursing home.

Christmas for Carol shows a young girl severely injured in hospital attached to a life support machine.

Too much punch for Judy shows a disfigured face and a tab in her throat.

Red triangle A red triangle enclosing a hand over a glass of drink accompanies the "Stay Low" phrase in TV films and posters. According to the Transport Department, this is a colloquial phrase already in widespread use.

"Staying Low" indicates an intention to consume limited amounts of alcohol.

Mrs Chalker said that taking any alcohol was likely to impair driving but the real problem was not with people who had one or two drinks and "stayed low," but with heavier drinking.

Out of 77,960 drivers convicted last year for driving with alcohol levels above the 80 milligram legal limit, more than half — 45,355 — had levels in excess of 150 milligrams.

Mrs Chalker pointed out that it was still an offence to drive while impaired through alcohol, even at below 80 milligrams. Inexperience on the road and inexperience of alcohol was a lethal combination, and that was why the campaign was concentrating on the 16-19 year age group.

"Profoundly disturbing" While it was difficult to measure the effectiveness of the previous campaigns, the incidence of drinking and driving had at least remained fairly steady and might even have dropped slightly although both the national consumption of alcohol and motor traffic had been increasing.

But it was "profoundly disturbing" that nearly one in three drivers killed, including nearly two out of three killed at night, had blood alcohol levels above the legal limit.

Mr Roger Birch, chief constable of the traffic committee of the

Association of Chief Police Officers, sitting beside Mrs Chalker, yesterday, defended the campaign as a very interesting new approach.

He particularly liked the idea of targeting it on the younger age group. Asked if the police would have problems in enforcing the drink driving laws this Christmas because so many policemen were involved in the miners' strike, he said some forces were very hard pressed.

But he was sure that traffic departments throughout the country would still be giving great emphasis to the drink driving campaign. It would not involve a large extra number of car patrols.

Mr Birch has already given warning that from Monday Dec. 17 roadside spot checks will be carried out on the condition of cars in Sussex and a sharper look out kept for drunken drivers. He has invited licences to display anti-drink and driving posters in their pubs.

JP's great service Magistrates at Grays, Essex, who last year jailed eight drivers convicted of first time drinking offences have said their approach this Christmas will be the same.

Asked about this yesterday Mrs Chalker replied: "I think I would say they have performed a great service to the nation by warning at a very early stage just how serious an offence this is."

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said they were happy with the campaign and the message Mrs Chalker was putting across. "You can't ignore the fact that some people just won't listen when they are told they must not drink anything."

Dr John Havard, secretary of the British Medical Association said those used to drinking should follow the BMA's "rule of three" advice to stay within the law.

"It says that if a driver must drink alcohol it should be limited to three single measures of distilled spirits, or three half-pints of ordinary English beer."

'PRIVATE EYE' SPY CHARGES COMPROMISE A plea by eight Servicemen facing spy charges to have Mr Richard Ingram, editor of PRIVATE EYE, jailed for contempt of court ended in a compromise at the High Court yesterday.

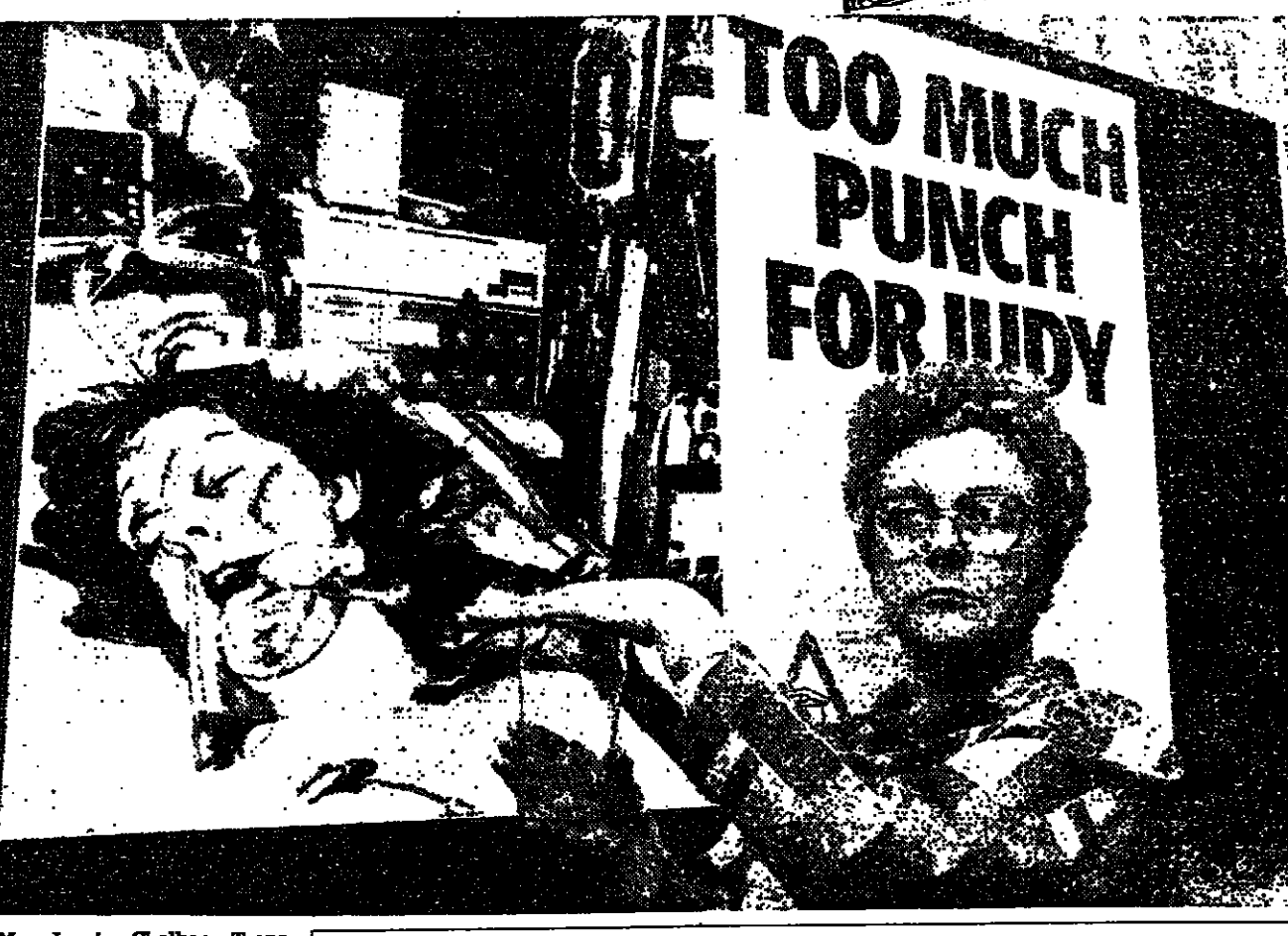
Lord Justice Watkins agreed to an undertaking by Mr Ingram that the satirical magazine would not again refer to the forthcoming Old Bailey trial involving the Servicemen until it is concluded.

The five airmen and three soldiers had claimed that the article was "highly damaging" and "wickedly prejudicial" to their trial, due to begin in April.

MURDERER MAY APPEAL Lawyers acting for David Carr, 18, who was sentenced to life in custody for life at the Old Bailey on Tuesday for the double murder of sweethearts Robert Vaughan and Michelle Sadler, were unable to confirm tonight if he would be appealing against the sentence.

Carr, of Linsey Street, Rotherhithe, appeared stunned by the sentence. He had adamantly denied he was the killer, claiming that he found the bodies, and as a young Black he feared the police, so he cleaned up the premises and dumped the bodies.

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Mrs Lynda Chalker, Transport Minister, handing over a symbolic beer glass in front of a warning poster when she launched her Christmas campaign against drinking and driving yesterday.

HELL'S ANGELS JAILED

SENTENCES of up to eight years were imposed yesterday on men convicted of taking part in a pitched battle at a Hell's Angels party which left two dead.

Three members of the motorcycle group, the Road Rats, and three members of the rival Satan Slaves were jailed for riot at the end of the trial at Winchester Crown Court.

The battle began after a woman was stalked and sexually abused at an anniversary party of the Hell's Angels, the court was told.

Stab wounds The fight began in a marquee at Cookham, Berkshire, and then spread to a cottage in the grounds. Two men died from stab wounds and others were seriously injured. Police later found a vast array of weapons.

The heaviest sentence was on JOHN CONNOLLY, 31, a Road Rat who was jailed for a total of eight years for affray and riot. Mr Justice Sheldone said he had been a "prime mover and leading light" in last September's battle.

Mr Justice Sheldone said he had not seen the slightest sign of genuine regret or acknowledgement "of the evil that such behaviour involves."

Other Road Rats sentenced were: MICHAEL NICOL, 30, of Sudbury, who received five years for riot; CRAIG STEWART, 23, of Weybridge, who received four years for affray and riot.

Members of Satan's Slaves who were sentenced were: NINA CHRISTIAN, 28, and SIMON WHITIS, 26, both of Exeter, who received five years each for riot and one year each for carrying an offensive weapon to run consecutively. Also jailed for five years for riot was GRIMSHAW, a brother, PHILIP, 33, also from Exeter.

DIGAN RAWSON, 31, of Bradford, received two years for carrying an offensive weapon and two years for possessing a firearm, to run consecutively. BRIAN HARPER, 22, of Bingley, Yorks, was jailed for three years for possessing a firearm.

JOSEPH ROGERS, 23, of Exeter, and STEVEN PITTAM, 30, of Southampton, were both jailed for two years for carrying an offensive weapon. JULIAN HUI, 26, and JOHN MARTIN, 25, both of Shipley, Yorks, were given 12-month conditional discharges for possessing firearms.

MARQUESS DIVORCE The 23-year marriage of the Marquess and Marchioness of Camden is to be ended. The names of the couple appear in the latest list of "quicker" undefended Special Procedure divorce matters to be heard soon in the London Divorce Court.

licences must be withdrawn in the meantime," he said. Meanwhile, North Yorkshire Police said that an officer's error had caused the delay in bringing Hart to court on the drink driving charge.

A spokesman said "appropriate action" had been already taken by Mr Roy Cummings, deputy chief constable.

The Prosecution of Offenders Bill, which will enable the Home Office to set time limits on bringing offenders to trial, was given a second reading in the Lords last week.

The average time before a breathalysing case is heard before magistrates in England and Wales is 10-12 weeks. But courts in Essex believe they have found the answer to the problem.

Four years ago after a time-and-motion study by the independent Vera Institute of Justice of America, Colchester magistrates began halting offenders for seven days. If the case could be made ready to proceed on this date, it would go ahead.

It was found that most guilty pleas were able to be dealt with after seven days, and the scheme has now been extended to nearly all magistrates courts in Essex.

Chinese girl pleads to stay in her adopted Cornwall

A CHINESE girl named Orchid pleaded with an immigration tribunal yesterday to let her put down her roots permanently in Cornwall — even though she has not legal right to stay in Britain.

Jenny Fu, an accounting technician, has lived for nine years in Camborne. She arrived from Hongkong as a student in 1975, and stayed on after getting a job with a firm of accountants.

Her visa was renewed periodically, but the Home Office eventually ordered her to leave.

At a Southampton immigration appeal hearing yesterday, Mr LARRY GRANT, representing her, said that although under the immigration laws the appeal could not succeed, he hoped the exceptional nature of the case would bring a recommendation to the Home Secretary to let her stay.

Miss Fu, 27, of Wellington Road, Camborne — whose Chinese name Saulan means Orchid — told the court she had only been back to Hongkong once in the past nine years on holiday.

"While I was there I felt like a tourist," she said. Apart from working and attending evening classes in Camborne, she became a voluntary teacher for the Chinese community in Cornwall, teaching Chinese to the children so they could communicate with their parents, most of whom speak little English.

Regular churchgoer She has become a Christian and a regular churchgoer, joined the St John Ambulance, and raised money for the Rotary Club.

"I am part of the community in Camborne," she said. "It is my home."

Asked by Mr NORMAN PRACER, representing the Home Office, if she has a family in Hongkong, she said:

"I write to my parents every week, but we are not close. I spent the first four years of my life with a child-minder because my parents worked."

"I have dedicated my life to helping others. I want to help people, especially handicapped people. I want to make them happy. If I went back to Hongkong, charity work would be difficult. They have a different outlook to helping others there," she added.

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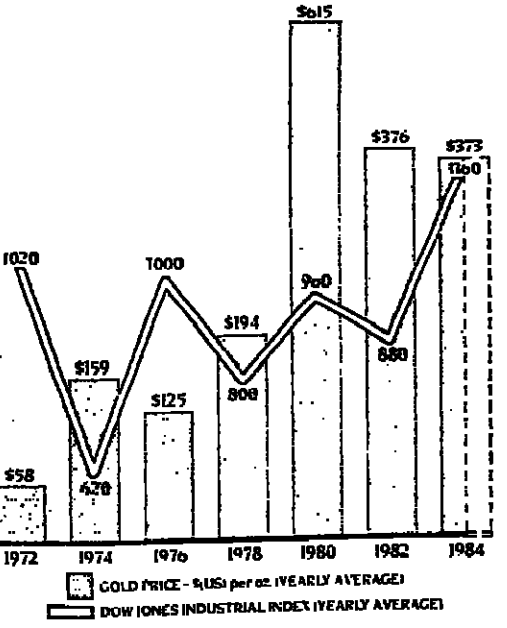
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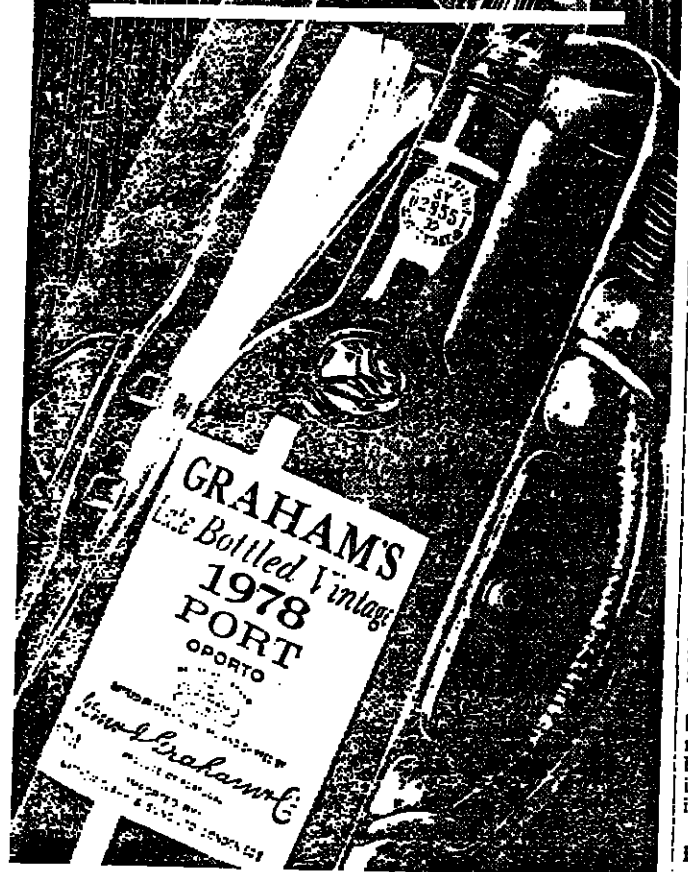
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HUSSEIN INITIATES DRIVE TO BREAK MID-EAST IMPASSE

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan formally launched in London yesterday what he called a "determined diplomatic drive" to break the Middle East stalemate.

Speaking at the Royal United Services Institute, the king said he was engaged in an earnest attempt, with his country's Palestinian and Arab partners, to breathe life into the moribund peace process.

"Our experience has shown Israeli intransigence is threatening the stability of the area as well as its economic progress," he said. Israel had occupied Arab territories for 17 years.

"The onslaught of its occupation policy has undermined the foundations of peace negotiations set out in United Nations resolutions, and has eroded the credibility of the United States as a peace mediator," the king said.

By declaring himself so openly in London yesterday the king was firmly committing his personal prestige and the influence of his country to his new peace initiative.

Diplomats felt that he would not have done so without some support since first taking steps. **Pivot of alignment**

King Hussein has already shown himself to be the pivot of the new Middle East alignment. He is the closest ally of Iraq, which has just resumed relations with the United States after a 17-year break.

He also took the bold step of being the first to renew diplomatic ties with Egypt severed by an Arab summit conference in 1978 to "punish" Egypt for its peace treaty with Israel.

Most daring of all, King Hussein agreed to allow his capital, Amman, to be the scene of the Palestine National Council meeting in the face of direct threats from Syria, which supports the Palestinian factions opposed to Yasser Arafat, the

Palestine Liberation Organisation leader.

At the Palestine Council the king called on the PLO to join him in his new quest for peace. He proposed an international conference, and wooed the Palestinians with the suggestion that they would have to be full parties to such a meeting.

In the next breath he alienated them by saying any talks would have to be on the basis of United Nations Resolution 242, which offers Israel security and peace in return for giving up occupied Arab territory.

The resolution refers to the Palestinians only as "refugees." It gives them no right of self-determination.

In London yesterday King Hussein renewed his commitment to Resolution 242, and spelled out his offer to Israel: "Total peace for total withdrawal."

If there were no response, he said, the outlook for the Middle East would be bleak and outside powers would be drawn in.

"Both Iran and Israel see the break-up of the present territorial states of the Arab world as a prerequisite for the assertion of their own claims over the whole region," he added.

The king was particularly concerned at the situation in the West Bank, lost to his country in 1967. Creeping annexation of the occupied territories, unless halted, would create an "explosive situation."

Mr Rabin, Israeli Defence Minister, arrived in London yesterday and is to give a lecture today. Asked if he planned to meet the Israeli Minister, King Hussein said carefully he had not come to London to meet Mr Rabin.

Peres 'ready to meet King in London'

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

MR PERES, Prime Minister of Israel, is prepared to meet King Hussein of Jordan while both are in London next week.

Sources close to the Israeli delegation in France during Mr Peres's official visit there said that he made no prior conditions for such a meeting.

It could be public or in secret, and Israel was prepared to take steps to improve living conditions of the West Bank's Palestinian population.

These include industrialisation, the opening of an Arab bank and an Arab hospital, and nomination of Arab mayors in localities under direct Israeli administration. Censorship would be reduced.

'Practical agreement' There was word from the Israeli Prime Minister's entourage, too, that a "practical agreement" was in sight with Egypt about Taba, an Israeli enclave in Sinai claimed by Egypt.

Settlement of the Taba question and an Israeli withdrawal in south Lebanon are the prior conditions made by President Mubarak of Egypt for a meeting with Mr Peres.

Mr Peres, who is in Paris until tomorrow, has lunch with President Mitterrand, and the French President is to dine tonight at the Israeli Embassy in Paris—a unique Franco-Israeli occasion.

Israel is reported to be interested in buying a nuclear power station from France, and its specialists have visited the installations of "Framatome," the French manufacturers of atomic plant.

Elysee palace sources said last night that France was looking for "a new stage leading to steps towards realistic peace" in the Middle East.

SKI SNOW RECEDES

By Our

Berne Correspondent

Snow suitable for skiing in the Swiss Alps has receded to nearly 8,000 ft in current warm weather. Only tracks above that altitude are open.

KEY EEC JOBS FOR BRITAIN

By ALAN OSSBORN Common Market Correspondent in Brussels

BRITAIN has secured the important post of responsibility for the internal market in the division of jobs between the new EEC Commissioners, it was reported yesterday.

The new Commission of 11 members takes office on Jan. 1, 1986.

It looks as if Lord Cockfield, the new Senior British Commissioner, will take charge of the internal market, a job that Britain has sought and which promises to be one of the most influential in Brussels over the next few years.

Lord Cockfield will have responsibility for moves to reduce internal trade barriers between the EEC member States and to shape the Community as an effective fighting force in world markets against the United States and Japan.

The British government has long criticised the barriers to trade among the ten member States. It has called for a swift reduction of barrier formalities and a prompt speeding up of trade between the members in an effort to promote the EEC as an effective world trade entity.

The second British Commissioner, Mr Stanley Clinton Davies, is expected to be given responsibility for transport and the environment.

'Below par'

Commenting on the British Commission appointments yesterday Mr Steel, Liberal leader, said he wanted to "apologise to our friends in the Community for the appointment of the two Commissioners from Britain who are both redundant political novitiaries."

Mr Steel said that "these below par appointments" were part of the Prime Minister's low level of commitment to the Community.

The provisional shanties of jobs in the new Commission does not give Britain, on the face of it, a major say in the affairs of the Community.

The major jobs, on paper, go to France, Germany and Holland. It appears that the Dutch Commissioner, Mr Andriessen, will take over agriculture.

However the shape of the new Commission and its responsibility could be illusory. It is expected that the main preoccupations of the Commission in the next few years will be concerned with the internal market and it is likely that Lord Cockfield will be among the most prominent members in asserting the Commission's role in negotiations ahead.

'LET BRITAIN AND U.S. QUIT UNESCO'

The Soviet Union yesterday accused the United States and Britain of "concerted black-mail" at UNESCO and said they were trying to bring about "crisis and deadlock" within the Paris-based organisation.

The United States announced last Dec that it was withdrawing from UNESCO at the end of 1984 unless there were major changes in its operations. Britain said on Nov. 22 it would review its participation at the end of 1985.

Mr Yuri Khilcheyevsky, the Soviet Ambassador, said several times during a Press conference in Paris that the United States and Britain should be regarded as "outsiders." If they wanted to leave UNESCO, "let them do so," he said.—A.P.

MULDOON CALLS ALL BLACK A TRAITOR

By Our Auckland Correspondent

Sir Robert Muldoon, the former New Zealand Prime Minister, was ordered out of Parliament's debating chamber yesterday, after he claimed that a former All Black, Mr Chris Laidlaw, was a traitor.

Mr Laidlaw, a former Commonwealth Secretariat employee in London, is an adviser on African and Commonwealth affairs to the New Zealand Labour government of Mr David Lange.

Sir Robert told Parliament that it was a waste of money having Mr Laidlaw advise on African matters after Mr Laidlaw had toured South Africa with the All Blacks, then kicked his mates in the Rugby Union "by criticising South Africa."

WATER ON AGAIN FOR BOKASSA

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

Former "Emperor" Bokassa of Central Africa will not have to fulfil his threat of turning up at the Elysee Palace with nine of his children to demand his return home.

The water supply at his chateau west of Paris was turned on again yesterday after it was cut on Wednesday because he had not paid the rates. But he still wants to return to his native country.

TRIAL REOPENS OF DISSIDENTS

By Our Belgrade Correspondent

The trial of six Yugoslav dissidents charged with plotting to overthrow the regime, which opened on Nov. 5, was resumed in Belgrade yesterday after an interruption of 20 days because the prosecutor requested enlargement of the indictment.

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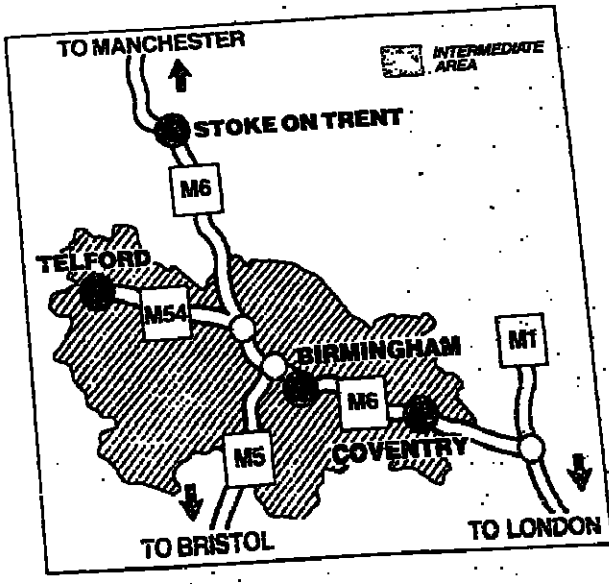
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Reagan invites Tutu for apartheid talks

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN, faced with growing Republican party revolt over policy towards South Africa, will hold a meeting at the White House today with Bishop Desmond Tutu, the black South African clergyman.

White House officials said that the encounter would show that Washington feels that South Africa's apartheid policy "must yield to peaceful change."

It will be the first meeting between Mr Reagan and a black South African opponent of apartheid.

Bishop Tutu received a rousing welcome on Tuesday when he addressed the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Sub-committee and denounced Mr Reagan's policies towards South Africa as "immoral, evil and totally un-Christian."

After the speech Bishop Tutu said he would like to meet either Mr Reagan or Mr Schultz, Secretary of State, to discuss the growing violence in South Africa.

Support for sanctions

Mr Reagan apparently felt obliged to agree to the meeting after 55 Republican members of Congress, including some of the most vocal conservatives, warned that they would support diplomatic and economic sanctions against South Africa unless Pretoria took immediate steps to change its racial policy.

In a letter to the South African Embassy, the Republicans said that America's policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa merited support only as long as "real steps towards complete equality for all South Africans" were being taken.

"We are looking for an immediate end to the violence in South Africa accompanied by a demonstrated sense of urgency about ending apartheid," the letter said.

Most have been released after a brief detention at police headquarters.

Most of the Republicans who signed the letter have been regarded as supporters of Reagan policies and their stand could signal a significant movement towards a more aggressive posture towards South Africa on Capitol Hill.

American officials describe their "constructive engagement" policy as one under which anti-South African sanctions are discouraged while changes in racial policies are sought through diplomatic channels.

Bishop Tutu is to receive the Nobel Peace Prize next week.

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BHOPAL TAKES HARD LINE WITH UNION CARBIDE

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

THE Chief Minister and Government of Madhya Pradesh state showed signs of a tough stand in their talks and negotiations with Warren Anderson, chairman, and other officials of Union Carbide, as the death toll in Monday's gas tragedy in Bhopal mounted to more than 2,000.

"I will tell them what has to be told," Mr Arjun Singh, the Chief Minister, said as the first groups of senior American technicians and officials flew to the stricken area yesterday.

"We are not going to beg for anything," he went on. The state government was seeking legal advice on the liabilities of the company and the issue of compensation to the victims, the other inhabitants of Bhopal and the government.

Heavily armed police threw a cordon round the Union Carbide plant and senior government officials flown out from New Delhi seized all log books and documents of the factory.

Officials of the factory have been banned by the police from leaving Bhopal and company officials who have flown from the United States were barred from going round the plant until permission had been received from the government and detectives of the Central Bureau of Investigation in New Delhi.

Compensation pledge

Police have also put a guard on Shakeel Ahmed, the Union Carbide employee who was on duty in the vital instrument room of the plant when the disaster occurred, and who alone knows exactly what happened before the gas leaked early on Monday morning.

Shakeel Ahmed was taken seriously ill, and is said to be "progressing" in the intensive care unit in Bhopal hospital.

Mr Anderson, who flew to India for talks with the Government and to inspect the Bhopal plant, had prolonged meetings with Mr Keshav Mahendra, chairman of Union Carbide's Indian units, in Bombay.

Mr Anderson has already made a statement assuring the Indian Government that the company will compensate all victims of the gas leakage.

American officials who have gone to Bhopal from the United States include the designer of plant and a former works manager there.

"We have naturally been

shaken by what has happened," they said, and noted that many of those who had died or been affected were known to them. "We worked together, lived together. What has happened makes us so sad."

The Madhya Pradesh Government has not given an authenticated death toll, but officials said they were not contradicting the figure of 2,000 given by unofficial sources.

They confirmed that many of those who fled the town could have died.

DISASTER-PRONE Third World hazard

OUR SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT writes: Third World countries are much more prone to disastrous accidents than industrialised ones, because they are socially ill-equipped to deal with emergencies, an expert said yesterday.

Mr Lee Talbot, a visiting fellow at the World Resources Institute in Washington, said this was because industrial plants in such countries often became surrounded by slums and shanty towns filled with migrants from the countryside a situation that would not be tolerated in an industrialised state.

"The level of technical expertise among workers in developing countries is nowhere near as good as in developed ones," he added, pointing both to the Indian disaster and to last month's oil fire in Mexico which killed at least 544 people.

Mr Talbot's remarks followed the revelation by the managing director of Union Carbide India, Mr V. P. Gokhale, that two workers responsible for controlling the leaks of gas at Bhopal ran away when it occurred.

"If they had not run away, nobody would have died," said a police spokesman. The two workers were being sought by police.



Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Indian Prime Minister, visiting victims of the Bhopal gas leak disaster.

438 children flee from U.S. poison spillage

By IAN BALL in New York

THREE weeks before the disaster at Bhopal, a spill of the same highly toxic chemical, methyl isocyanate, forced the evacuation of an elementary school at Middleport, New York, it was disclosed yesterday.

Some 30 children and a teacher suffered eye irritation, but apparently no lasting effects. Officials said the accident might have resulted in greater injury had not the school and the chemical company involved, FMC Corpora-

tion, worked out emergency procedures for such situations. Some 30 gallons of methyl isocyanate were involved in the spill at the FMC plant, which uses the chemical to make pesticides. The accident reportedly occurred when a maintenance crew installed a pump which failed when it was first tested.

The spill turned quickly to gas which drifted in the direction of the school, 500 yards away.

As children began complaining of painful eyes, all vents leading to the outside were turned off and the 438 pupils

were taken out of the classrooms to assemble for evacuation by school buses.

Nurses from the company hurried to the school to begin washing the eyes of affected pupils and teachers. FMC's safety experts also arrived and although they determined that the contamination was not serious, they recommended that the building be evacuated as a precautionary measure.

Within 25 minutes, all the pupils and 40 teachers had been moved out of the area in school buses.

At the plant a team with respirator masks cleaned up the

spill. The plant has been handling methyl isocyanate for 15 years and a spokesman claimed this was the first mishap there had been with the gas.

FMC stores the chemical underground in stainless steel cylinders inside a concrete vault which is constantly monitored. The material is refrigerated to 32°F to retard vaporisation. If any escapes, it is vented into the plant's incinerator.

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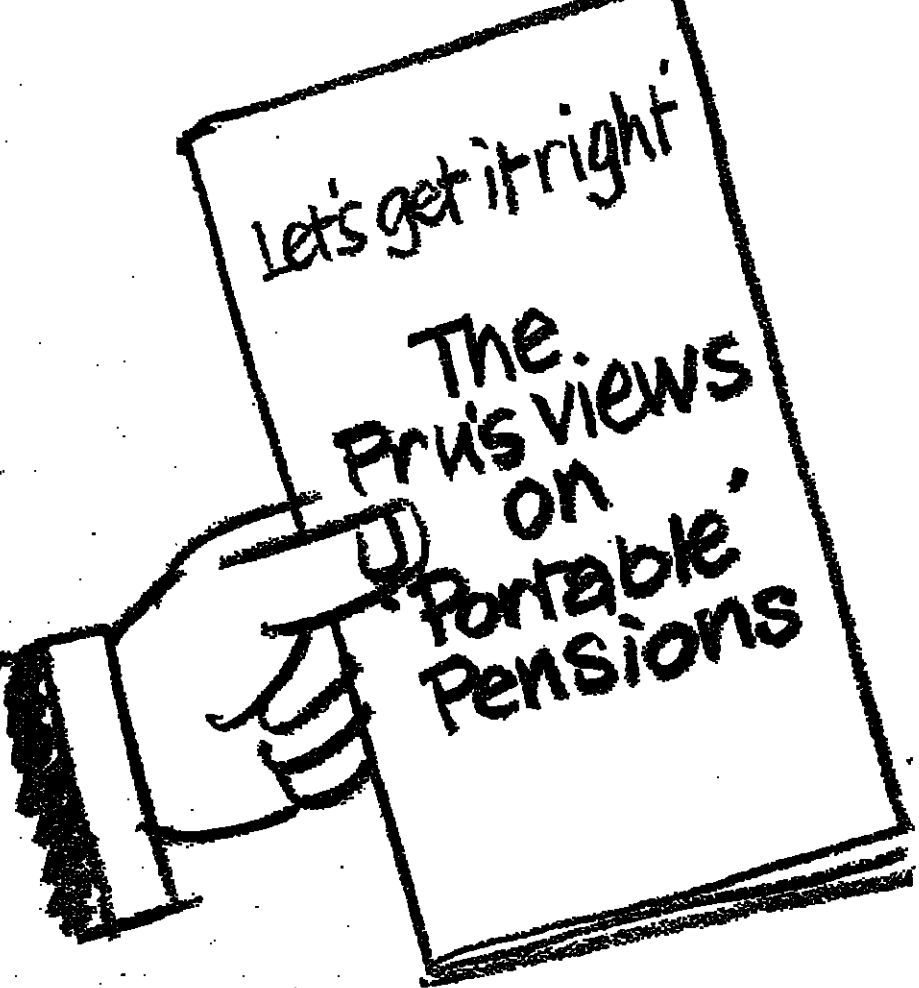
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Shoot-on-sight orders for Colombo curfew

By DAVID GRAVES in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka

TAMIL separatists had killed 17 more civilians in the north of Sri Lanka, bringing the death toll from mounting violence over the past week to more than 200, Government officials said yesterday.

As tension increased the Government imposed a five-hour curfew in Colombo from 11 p.m. and issued shoot-on-sight orders to deal with curfew breakers.

The latest killings were at Cheddikulam, 50 miles from the north-western port of Mannar, where more than 80 Tamils were allegedly massacred by the Army after a land-mine ambush on Tuesday.

Foreign correspondents attempting to reach Mannar yesterday from the ancient city of Anuradhapura, 90 miles away, to investigate the reports could not persuade local drivers to take them to the area.

Fear of attacks

Hardly any traffic was moving to the port because of fear of further rebel attacks and land-mine ambushes.

News of the latest mass killing was given by Mr Chandura Bandara, District Minister in Anuradhapura, as the Government continued to deny any atrocity at Mannar, which allegedly happened after a soldier was killed.

He said that 16 Sinhalese passengers and a Muslim conductor were burned alive after their state-owned Ceylon Transport bus from Mannar was hijacked on Wednesday by armed rebels, who ordered off all Tamils before setting the vehicle on fire.

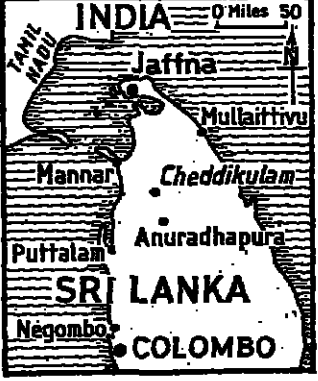
The Minister said: "Our people are living under increasing pressure. They are just bottling it up. If the Sinhalese aim is to provoke a Sinhalese backlash, then it is becoming more and more difficult to prevent it."

Tamil rebels fighting for a separate state of Eelam, in the north and east of the island, have stepped up their campaign, renewing tension with the Sinhalese, who are 70 per cent of the 15 million population.

Signs of backlash

The Government admitted yesterday for the first time that there were signs of a backlash against Tamils living in the south of Sri Lanka. It said that more than 40 buses of Tamil fishermen were burned in Puttalam and Negombo on Tuesday.

In the 2,200-square-mile Anuradhapura district so far free of the violence crippling the neighbouring northern province, Mr Bandara said the 200,000 population had been placed on a "close-to-war footing". Villagers had seen at least six groups of 10 to 15 men, wearing blue military-style uniforms, moving through heavy jungle in



the area over the last two days, he said.

The District Minister, speaking in the heavily fortified Government headquarters in Anuradhapura, said the authorities expected attacks to be made on vital installations in an attempt to divert security forces from the north.

As a result 180 vigilante committees were being formed throughout the district, the largest in the island, to patrol villages and report rebel movements.

Hostages killed

The Government says that its agent in Jaffna, Mr M. Panchalingam, was stopped on his way to work yesterday by two armed men, who hijacked his car and driver.

The Government's leading official in the troubled Jaffna peninsula was unharmed, but he was made to walk to his office.

There was no further word on the fate of nine hostages said by the Government to have been kidnapped by one of the Tamil rebel groups, although the authorities repeated it was believed they had been killed.

Government officials also announced that a fishing trawler with Indian markings was sunk by Sri Lankan naval patrols when it entered the island's territorial waters. Four people on board were arrested.

APARTHEID MOVE BY NEW ZEALAND

By Our Auckland Correspondent South African sportsmen must now declare they do not represent their country if they are to play in New Zealand.

Mr David Lange, the Labour Prime Minister, said yesterday this was a tougher stance than that of any other Commonwealth country, but that the Government recognised there might be sportspeople holding South African passports who should not be prohibited as individuals.

ETHIOPIA SEEKS BETTER LINKS WITH U.S. WHILE KEEPING SOVIET TIES

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

A HOPE of better relations between the United States and Marxist Ethiopia during President Reagan's second term of office was voiced by Mr Goshu Wolde, Ethiopia's Foreign Minister, in an interview with THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in Addis Ababa.

"There should be no reason why the United States should have excellent relations with a Communist giant like China and not have good relations with a fledgling and least-developed country like Ethiopia," he said.

Ethiopia now had excellent relations with Europe and relations with Britain had improved considerably, particularly since the visit of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Office Minister of State, in July, he said.

"Our only problem is with the United States: they categorise the world, as Mr Reagan does, into good and evil and I think they put us somewhere in the evil," he said, laughing. "I don't know why they do that. We are not evil. We want better relations with all countries, the Americans also."

The Minister said Ethiopia had tried to impress on the Reagan Administration that there was no logical reason for Washington's negative attitude towards Addis Ababa since the 1974 revolution that overthrew the pro-Western Emperor Haile Selassie.

The Reagan Administration

are subservient to Soviet foreign policy. We do not belong to the Warsaw Pact, nor to any camp or sphere.

"Ethiopia has been fiercely independent for thousands of years and we have an independent foreign policy. We are non-aligned. Our policy is that we are friends to everybody and have malice towards none."

"We want to do business on equally mutually beneficial terms with all countries of different social and economic policies, America, Europe and so on."

Mr Goshu said Ethiopia appreciated the massive response of the American people to the Ethiopian tragedy and hoped the opportunity for better relations created by the tragedy would continue to exert a positive influence.

But better relations with Washington would not mean any weakening of ties between Ethiopia and the Soviet Union, he stressed.

Weapons supply

"This is quite clear as far as we are concerned. Our relationship with the Soviets and East European countries will develop while, at the same time, we extend the hand of friendship and fraternity to all countries in Western Europe and to America."

Mr Goshu acknowledged that the Soviet response to the Ethiopian famine emergency had not been on the same scale as that from the United States but said Soviet aid had to be looked at, not just in the present sense, but over the whole period since 1974.

Ethiopia had a debt of gratitude to the Soviet Union for relief aid in the form of food, which enabled it to repel a Somali invasion in 1977, and for 10 years' assistance from Russia, Cuba and the Eastern bloc with

development projects including factories, hydro-electric dams, oil exploration in Southern Ethiopia, and agricultural rehabilitation.

Mr Goshu said Ethiopia was now urgently seeking assistance from the whole world community including Europe and the United States for agricultural rehabilitation, including the resettlement of 500,000 people in family groups from drought-stricken parts of North Ethiopia to more fertile regions.

The resettlement was essential because the devastated soil of the drought areas, cultivated for 3,000 years since the ancient Ethiopian kingdoms, could no longer support human or animal life, he said.

"The alternative to moving people was to leave them to a grim future of no rain and starvation."

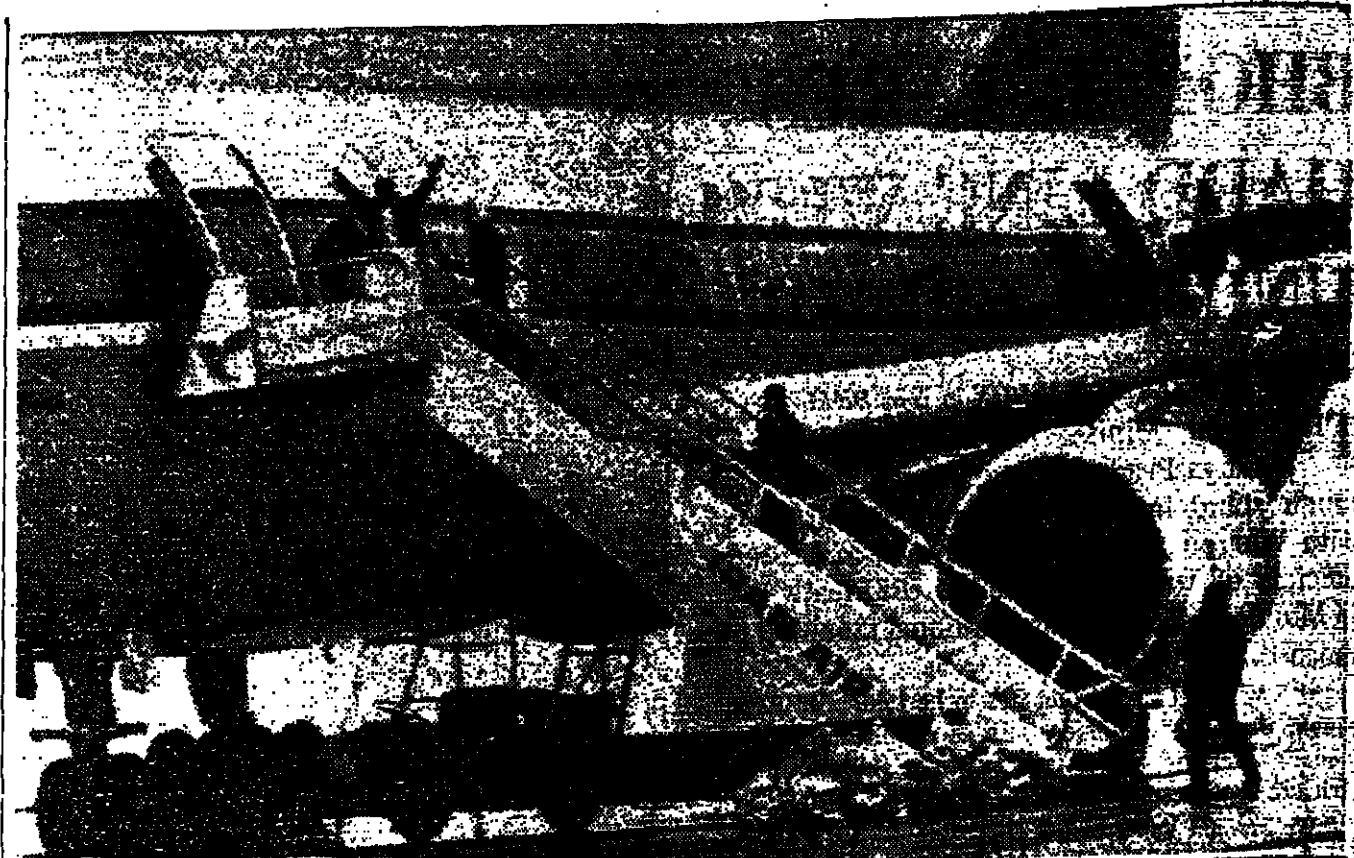
That, of course, is something that no fiercely proud country like Ethiopia was prepared to do. "We can't go to every European capital year after year and beg for emergency assistance. We can do it once, we can do it twice, we can perhaps even do it three; but the fourth and fifth times people will get fed up."

"This is why we must become self-sufficient in the production of food. Food self-sufficiency is the cornerstone of our 10-year agricultural and development programme."

The Foreign Minister said Western Governments were showing reluctance to support the resettlement programme because of ignorance of the facts.

Mr Goshu accused the United States of exploiting an unsettled dispute over American property worth \$30 million (\$24 million) nationalised in Ethiopia after the 1974 revolution as a pretext for barring Ethiopia from development aid.

"They are using the com-



Skyjacks searching an Iranian doctor before allowing him on to the Kuwait Airways airliner on the tarmac at Teheran.

RAF men complain of famine aid delays

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

SOME members of the 75-man Royal Air Force detachment in the Ethiopian famine airlift flew back to Britain last night complaining of "hanging about waiting for loads" and "a waste of resources."

Supply hold-ups which have halved the number of RAF Hercules C-130 transports in the past few days appeared to have dispirited some of the 20 men returning home after a month in Ethiopia.

"We have been at Addis Ababa airport at 5.45 every morning ready to go, but this week we have been hanging about three or four hours waiting for loads," said Sgt Derek Barron, 56.

"The stuff is around but there seems to be a lack of co-ordination in getting it together."

Sgt Barron, from Calne, Wiltshire, said the supply hold-ups began after the two Hercules cleared stocks of Canadian wheat at Addis Ababa airport last weekend.

The Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission which provides supplies for the airlift had since been "scrapping for loads" for the aircraft, and famine relief supplies had been turning up in half loads.

He added: "We have been here five weeks, and I'm glad to be going home. I would like to think that what we have been doing is worth while. We have seen only the airfields. We have not seen the feeding."

Hercules grounded

One of the two RAF Hercules engaged in the ferrying of relief supplies was grounded yesterday after developing a mechanical fault which forced it to turn back while flying a load of blankets from Addis Ababa to Makale, in the north of the country.

The other plane made three flights to Makale and Alamata carrying blankets which were flown to Addis Ababa from Britain and Finland on Wednesday in response to urgent appeals on behalf of famine victims camped out in freezing temperatures.

A replacement Hercules was on its way to Addis Ababa from RAF Lyneham, Wilts, yesterday with 20 airmen to replace the men going home and spare parts to repair a hydraulic fault in the grounded Hercules.

The men returning to Britain were making the journey home in the grounded Hercules after the fault had been repaired.

Starving nomads

The continuing hold-up in supplies for the RAF mercy flights coincided with a report yesterday of an acute food crisis at the Maichew relief centre outside Makale.

The big American voluntary agency, Catholic Relief Services, which is providing food for 745,630 famine victims in Ethiopia, said 18,000 families of Afar desert nomads had converged on Maichew in the past few days, 3,000 to 4,000 of them in "a desperate state of starvation."

A spokesman said 2,000 to 3,000 people were arriving at the camp daily, many dropping dead from starvation.

"The situation is just terrible," he said. "And we do not have the food supplies to cope with the immediate needs."

An acute food shortage has been reported this week by the French voluntary agency Médecine Sans Frontières at the big Korem relief centre for 30,000 famine victims served by the Alamata airfield to which the RAF has been airlifting high-protein biscuits and other supplies.

A Western diplomat in Addis Ababa said last night: "It seems to be a logistical problem because there is food available. There are between 12,000 and 15,000 tonnes of emergency relief food in the Ethiopian Government's warehouse at Nazareth, near Addis Ababa."

DROUGHT AID PLEA
By Our Geneva Correspondent
An appeal for 128 million Swiss francs (£20 million) to aid 1,500,000 drought victims in 14 African countries next year was launched in Geneva by the League of Red Cross Societies yesterday.

FALKLANDS AIRPORT ON TARGET

By Our Port Stanley Correspondent

IF there are any doubts in Britain about the cost and work schedule of the Falklands Mount Pleasant Airport, they do not seem to exist at the sharp end.

The Laing, Mowlem and Amey Roadstone construction consortium are confident of meeting the April deadline for the arrival of the first wide-bodied jet next year.

"We've had one of the most severe winters here and there have been periods when people thought it would not be ready on time," said the project director, Mr Bill Bloomfield.

But at the moment we are heading for that date and unless we have exceptionally bad weather I see no reason why we should not meet that date."

Most people at Mount Pleasant seem to share this optimism and are apparently affected by the same drive to see an international airport rise out of the virgin peat bog.

"It's an exciting project to build something as big as this in a place like this," said Mr Wyn Kendrick project manager.

Americans' project

"I don't think that anywhere in the world has there been an airport of this size which has been built so quickly."

With understandable satisfaction, he went on to point out that a similar airport being built by the Americans on the island of Diego Garcia is expected to take five years to complete. The main two-mile strip at Mount Pleasant will have been built in 16 months.

The feat will have been achieved with no thanks to the Falklands environment.

According to Mr Maurice Chamings, regional director for the Property Services Agency in Port Stanley, the only materials which the contractors have been able to glean from the area have been water and quarried rock. "Everything else had to come from the UK."

The "everything else" includes 500 vehicles and pieces of machinery worth £20 million, prefabricated buildings, fuel, food and workers.

So far more than a quarter of a million tons of these supplies have been brought down to the South Atlantic by the four cargo vessels on permanent charter to the consortium.

Peat in plenty

The one thing that they do have in plenty on the site is peat. But that is a serious hindrance rather than a help.

To get to bedrock and commence work on foundations for the runways and buildings, the mechanical diggers have excavated 1.3 million cubic yards of the fuel enough to keep a traditional Falklands kitchen range blazing for 8,000 years.

A year ago only 105 "pioneers" were working on the project but as more accommodation blocks were built, so more men moved in.

At present between 1,700 and 1,800 men are working the site on a 24-hour shift system regardless of the weather. As the April deadline looms the number involved will increase to 2,500.

For a 12-month contract with one month of pay leave in Britain, an ordinary labourer can expect to take home £9,000 tax free, with food, accommodation and a 15 per cent bonus for completion of the contract thrown in.

With hundreds of tradesmen, labourers and managerial staff, it adds up to a hefty wage bill but the Property Services Agency, whose job it is to make sure that taxpayers' money is being well spent, are keen to emphasise the cost effectiveness of the airport.

FUEL SHORTAGE HAMPERING AID

By Our Lusaka Correspondent
Transport problems, mainly caused by shortage of diesel fuel have restricted the operation of the World Food Programme office in Lusaka to save about 15,000 people suffering severe malnutrition as a result of consecutive droughts in the past three seasons.

Mr Carlo Volli, Deputy World Food Programme Representative, said the relief programme in Zambia was also being seriously hampered by lack of certain foods which had to be imported from abroad.



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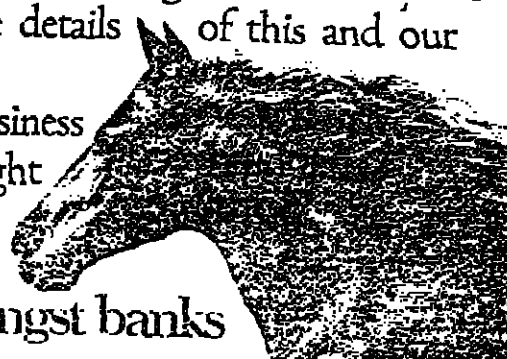
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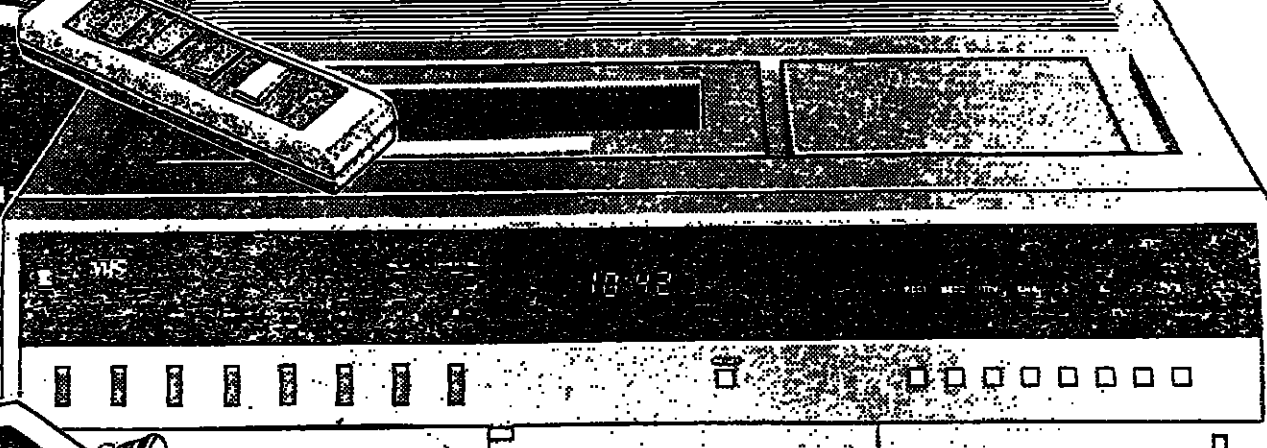
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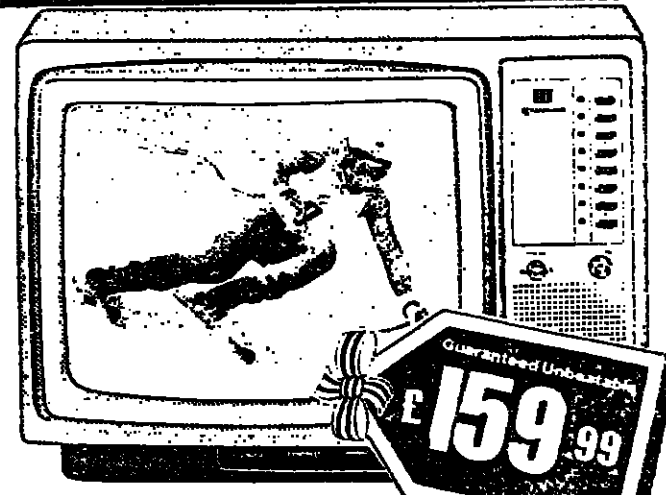
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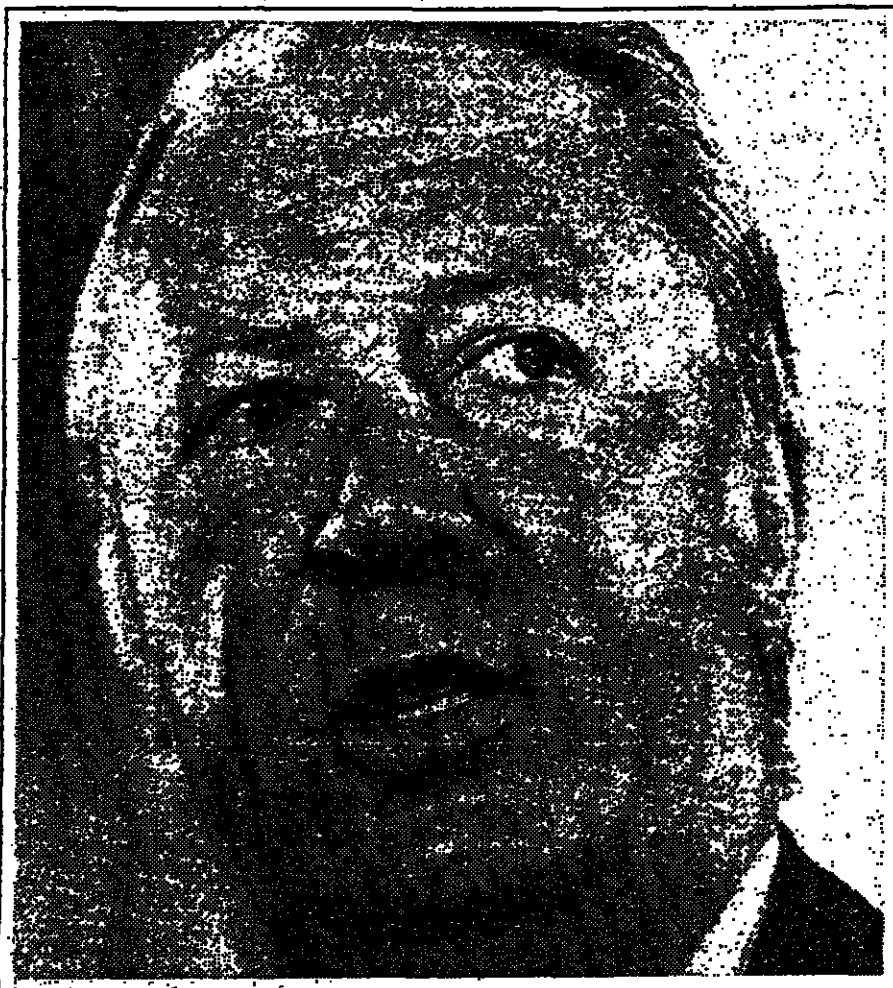
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When the new ratecapping laws were put before parliament, thirteen government MPs voted against their own party, including a former prime minister. Many abstained, including a former foreign secretary.

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In fact, the critics of ratecapping are drawn from all political parties. They also include distinguished academics, doctors and at least one senior police official. People who normally don't speak out on matters of exclusively party political concern.

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Ratecapping is inefficient because the figures Whitehall uses to judge local needs are inadequate and out of date (according to the government's own Audit Commission Report).

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DECLINING SCOTTISH SALMON INDUSTRY IS FACING EXTINCTION

By ROBERT BEDLOW *Estates Correspondent*

SCOTLAND'S £210 million-a-year wild salmon industry faces total collapse, with 30,000 jobs at risk, unless urgent steps are taken to preserve dwindling stocks.

The warning was given when a new organisation, the Salmon Conservancy, supported by landowners, businessmen and anglers, was launched in Edinburgh.

Mr Douglas Hume, a Glasgow industrialist who is chairman of the group, said: "We view the continuing decline of the wild salmon with growing alarm."

"Unless it is halted soon, the wild Scottish salmon could shortly be facing extinction."

The reported catch on more than 20 principal salmon rivers in Scotland has fallen from 1,914 tons in 1960 to 820 last year. The decline in now running at an estimated 30 per cent a year.

In an attempt to halt the run-down, protect and conserve salmon stocks the Salmon Conservancy has put forward a four-point plan. It also wants the Government to repeal "the archaic and inappropriate laws" which govern salmon fishing in Scotland, and end the commercial over-fishing of river mouths, which it says should be designated primary conservation areas.

Mr Hume said: "Due to successive failures by other bodies to deal with the rapidly worsening situation, a new and more constructive approach to sal-

mon conservation is now an urgent priority."

The conservancy body said the present Victorian laws should go.

The plan is for: Realistic net catch quotas which do not penalise commercial fishermen to be set based on the average net catch with the down time (no netting) for two to 2½ days a week.

Area inspectors with powers of enforcement to be appointed to ensure that quotas are adhered to, and laws controlling illegal fishing enforced and licensing systems not abused.

The introduction of net licensing to be administered through the area inspector; Dealer licensing to be introduced, similar to that which applies to game dealers, restricting the numbers of outlets to and from which salmon may be sold.

Mr Hume said it was vital that there should be a consensus of all bodies in the salmon industry before it was too late. He said: "The next five years will be critical. If nothing is done it could be too late to save the salmon."

A recent survey shows that visiting salmon anglers generate about £140 million to the Scottish tourism industry, plus a further £70 million for the wider British sporting and tourism economy.

Although salmon anglers comprise less than two per cent of the annual total of 15 million visitors to Scotland they account for nearly 20 per cent of the Scottish Tourism Industry's total annual earnings, which in 1982 were £718 million.

The survey also shows that salmon anglers, while taking 15 per cent of the annual catch, earned 87 per cent of the industry's total earnings. Commercial fishermen who take 85 per cent of the catch earned the remaining 13 per cent, worth £55 million annually.

Salmon angling provides direct support for over 30,000 jobs.

A recent Highlands and Islands Development Board seminar in Inverness emphasised the salmon's importance in rural areas of Scotland in supporting employment and supplementing income.

Poaching threat

A paper at the seminar said the Scottish salmon resources which had survived the problems that had damaged or destroyed European and North American salmon runs, was approaching a crisis.

It said: "Poaching has gone far beyond the traditional one for the pot to become a substantial commercial activity, with hundreds of tons of fish taken by organised gangs and by some sea fishermen."

The extent of the illegal catch, together with the high seas fishery on the salmon's North Atlantic feeding grounds had brought salmon stocks to a point where they were declining both as a commercial and recreational resource and "may face extinction unless urgent action is taken to curb poaching and improve management."

Gloom in the glens lifts as whisky sales start rising

By JOHN PETTY *Commercial Correspondent*

FIRST signs of a recovery are showing in the Scotch whisky industry, still one of the biggest export earners despite having been forced to cut production to 35 per cent of capacity in moves which have devastated life in the glens.

"We are at last beginning to see the bottom of the whisky lake," said Mr Ivan Straker, chairman of Seagram (UK), whose brands include Chivas Regal, The Glenlivet and Queen Anne.

"Short-time and closures have had an awful effect. There is no other work of any kind."

"Closure of a distillery can destroy a glen. People in places like London cannot imagine how catastrophic it can be to a glen village."

Now a number of distillers are starting to raise production slightly as sales begin to pick up in Britain, Italy and France. But the "whisky lake" still contains about 2,770 million litres of alcohol, enough to meet demand for 3½ years at present levels of business.

Duty increases

The problem is that the industry has to estimate its needs five years in advance. By law, Scotch has to mature for three years before being sold and the common practice is to let it mature for at least five years.

So it was caught with huge stocks when the market suddenly collapsed with world depression. It has taken years to run down the surplus.

The situation was worsened by huge increases in duty in the home market while Sir Geoffrey Howe was Chancellor. Taxes jumped from just over £3 a bottle to well over £3, causing annual sales of Scotch in Britain to slump from 52½ million litres of alcohol in 1979 to only 44½ million litres last year.

It is still likely to take 12 to 18 months to be sure of a real recovery, believes Mr Straker. The biggest sales by far are of blended whisky, consisting of malt whisky from many distilleries mixed with the cheaper grain whisky produced in chemical-like plants.

Single malts

But demand for single-malt whiskies is rising. Glenfiddich, owned by William Grant & Sons, dominates single-malt sales in Britain, with about 44 per cent of the retail sales.

Next comes Glenmorangie, whose sales and marketing director, Mr Neil McKerron, says sales are up 11 per cent this year. "Exports of malt bottled ahead by 25 per cent in the first six months of this year, though Glenmorangie has notched up a rise of 46 per cent," he said.

The Glenlivet and Macallan are vying for third place in retail sales of single-malt whiskies.

WINE SALES UP

Wine consumption this Christmas is set to be a record with sales already 10 per cent up, Mr Arnold Tasker, chairman of the Wine and Spirit Association, said yesterday.

operator, ask for Freefone Butterball, and you can discuss any problems you have about your turkey with an expert.

Beef and pork prices should be about the same as last year with roasting beef starting at about £2.10 lb and pork about £1.20 lb.

This week's best buys for Christmas:

Wattles: honey coated mixed nuts in jar, £2.45; German selection cheeseboard, £2.75; fully iced traditional fruit cake with cherries, walnuts and rum, 3½ lb, £12.95; round, muslin-wrapped Christmas pudding with rum and cider, 2½ lb, £2.75.

Freeze: all butter Genoa cake, decorated with glazed whole hazels, cherries and almonds, £2.95; fully iced traditional all butter Christmas cake with brandy, £7.95; 510g peach halves in brandy, £2.35; 300g chocolate Olivers, £2.80.

Sainsbury's: frozen turkeys, 2½ lb, 400g mini regional English cheeses, £1.16; 2½-4oz round, muslin-wrapped Christmas pudding topped variety which were 49p last year are now 55p for half-a-dozen. Sainsbury's deep filled mince pies are up from 39p for six to 45p, and Tesco's from 39p to 44p.

Rum and cider

Sainsbury's and Waitrose seem to be leading the field with Christmas puddings this year — their traditional round puddings are wrapped in muslin.

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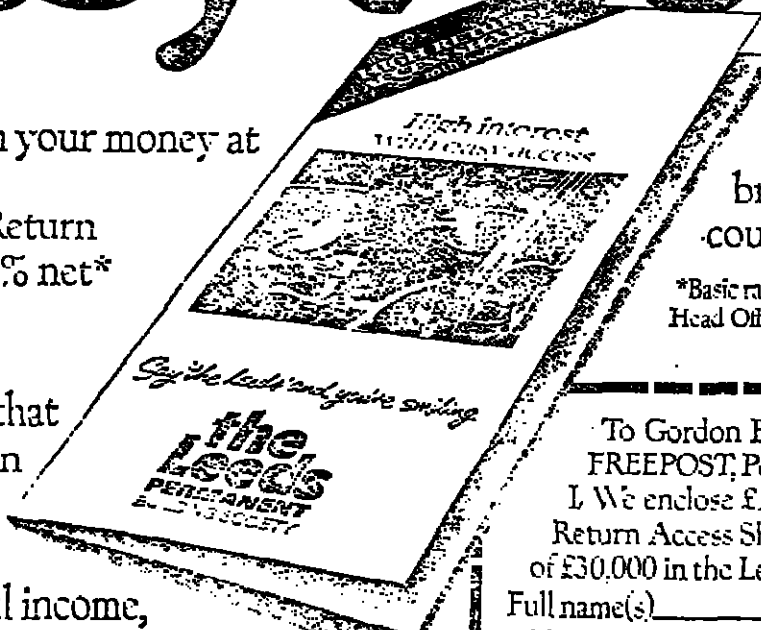
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TORY CALLS FOR POLICY CHANGE ARE REJECTED

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

MR LAWSON, Chancellor of the Exchequer, persisted in his preference for tax cuts as a means of cutting unemployment in the Commons last night.

Some Conservative MPs suggested that he would do better to spend the money on a programme of public investment.

But the Chancellor, who has announced that he has scope for tax cuts of about £1.2 billion in his Budget in the spring, indicated his preference for this alternative, particularly by increasing tax thresholds.

By keeping a firm grip on public expenditure, holding it broadly constant in real terms, we shall as the economy continues to expand have progressive scope for a reduction in taxation, not just for the few but for the many," he said.

"We have achieved that for the many by increasing tax thresholds well ahead of inflation. I hope we shall continue to do so."

Mr ROY HATTERSLEY, Shadow Chancellor, said it was now apparent that the Government had no policy for reducing unemployment and that the Chancellor had a higher priority - income tax cuts.

"The unemployed, who are increasing in numbers, are going to have to pay for it."

Spending on imports feared

Conservative MPs argued for a change in Government economic policy twice interrupted the Chancellor during a debate in which he defended his autumn Financial Statement.

Mr PETER TAPSELL (C, Lindsey E.) said that most of the £1.2 billion taken off taxes would be spent on imports and would help the Japanese and Germans, whereas the same amount of money spent on selective capital investment would result in very few imports and would create jobs.

Mr LAWSON replied: "I regard it as an extraordinary degree of defeatism to assume that if the people of this country have more money to spend British industry will be incapable of meeting the opportunity."

Later, Mr NICHOLAS WINTERTON (C, Macclesfield) said that if some of the money that went in paying for unemployment and Government manpower schemes was directed to selective capital projects that would reduce unemployment.

Mr LAWSON told him: "There is no benefit in capital projects unless they are worthwhile in their own right."

Wage expectations

'have adjusted'

Opening the debate, Mr Lawson rejected "with anger" the charge in a Labour motion that his policies were "calculated to create and sustain a high level of unemployment."



Mr LAWSON: Keeping a grip on public expenditure.



Mr HATTERSLEY: No policy for reducing unemployment.



Mr TAPSELL: Help for the Japanese and Germans.



Mr PARKINSON: A manic way of resolving differences.

reputation for humanity and compassion — and that goes for the King Wet, the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker — is eroded every time they vote for a strategy which the Government now adopts."

He called on the Government to deny reports that the new Minister Without Portfolio, Lord Young, had called for the ending of supplementary benefits for unemployed 16 to 18-year-olds.

"If I, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, had to choose between cuts in income tax and cuts in unemployment I would choose cuts in unemployment."

Mr CECIL PARKINSON (C, Hertsmere), former Trade and Industry Secretary, said the present miners' strike was a national disaster. At the end of the day, everyone connected with that industry would find themselves in the position that the Japanese had found themselves at the end of the 1939-45 war.

"No one can possibly gain from this strike. It is a manic way of resolving differences to inflict damage on ourselves and benefit our rivals."

"I am convinced that, unless we can find a better way of working together, we will continue to have difficulties and troubles of our own making."

Mr Parkinson said the Government was constantly being accused of not spending enough on the construction and engineering industries, but this was not borne out by the facts.

"Over £2,000 million will be spent next year on training, which is a direct response to the problems of the young unemployed."

"The public expenditure programme does not support the accusation made against the Government that it does not recognise the problems of British industry and has not responded to them."

Plea for £1bn more cuts

Mr DAVIE HOWELL (C, Guildford) urged the Chancellor to increase the amount available for tax cuts by another £1 billion, to a total of £2.2 billion.

He questioned whether adherence to a £7 billion Public Sector Borrowing Requirement this year was necessary, as what the market wanted was to be sure that over four or five years monetary policy and fiscal policy would coincide.

If the markets saw that the Chancellor was accelerating tax cuts to get on top of the problem of creating jobs they would not start putting the Chancellor under pressure on interest rates.

Making available £2.2 billion for tax cuts would be a good start to a job creation strategy.

Ministers urged to follow Sir Keith's 'flexibility'

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

A CALL for other Ministers to emulate the flexibility shown by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, in his climb-down over student grants was made by Sir KENNETH LEWIS (C., Stamford and Spalding) in the Commons yesterday.

Conservatives cheered loudly when Sir Kenneth said Sir Keith's action — made in response to heavy pressure from Conservative MPs — had enhanced his reputation and that of the Commons itself.

It was Labour's turn to cheer Sir Kenneth when he added the sting in the tail by asking Mrs Thatcher: "Although I don't want to push it too far, would you have a word with some other Ministers and ask them to be equally forthcoming and flexible on other things in the coming months?"

After thanking Sir Kenneth for his opening words, Mrs THATCHER told him: "No, I shall not urge the Chancellor to have more public expenditure."

Robbed science

"May I remind you that there is a great need to lift taxation at the threshold in order to help those on comparatively low wages and to increase the gap between those on social security and those on earnings."

Mr KINNOCK protested that in the course of making this "desirable concession" on students grants, the Government had robbed science to save its own skin regardless of the damage inflicted on British engineering, medicine, industry and technology.

"If it is the case that last week, in the words of the Secretary of State, the desperate plight of the scientist could wait no longer, why can it wait longer this week?"

Mrs THATCHER retorted that the science budget was growing and would be bigger next year than this. Under Sir Keith's stewardship the science budget for 1984-85 was £530 million as against £74 million in the last year of the Labour Government.

The Prime Minister responded by quoting the Labour Government's own record on public spending, when Mr KinnoCK demanded an end to her "obsession" with cuts.

Biggest cuts

She said the biggest spending cuts in the last 10 years occurred between 1975-77 when Labour made cuts of £9 billion in terms of 1982 prices.

"I congratulate you on being the Government which cut public expenditure by a bigger amount than ever before," she told Mr KinnoCK, "but I am replying to further questions, said there were always difficult choices to be made in public spending, but it could not go on rising."

Dr DAVID OWEN, S.D.P. leader, said it was "niggardly" to pull back the money desperately needed by science and to spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar.

Mr THATCHER replied that Dr Owen was in the unfortunate position of opposition and refused to make those difficult choices.

"You had to make them in government, and you were a member of a government which made £9 billion cuts in one year."

Mr PETER HORDEN (C, Hordern) suggested there should be a full review of public spending at the start of the year to allow for the fullest possible consultation with MPs.

"The Chancellor's autumn reviews have so far been altogether too much like Russian roulette with the pistol pointed at our feet. It is time all this changed."

COMING DEBATES

HOUSE OF LORDS

Mon: Debates on Government motion approving its intention to sign an agreement with China on the future of Hongkong and on the withdrawal of the £1 note.

Tues: Report of the two Order Confirmation Bills relating to Scottish piers; Food and Environment Protection Bill, clause 2; Pensions (Increase) Bill, clause 1.

Wed: Debate on Opposition motion on unemployment; debate on the confinement in prison of mentally ill offenders.

Thurs: Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk Marriage Enabling Bill, 2nd rdg; two Scottish Order Confirmation Bills, 3rd rdg; three Immunities and Privileges Orders; European International Lead and Zinc Study Group and Inter-American Development Bank; Earm Communities Subordinate Financial Order.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mon: Representation of the People Bill, 2nd rdg; Local Govt (Interim Provs) Act 1984 (Appointed Day) Order.

Tues: Debate on the EEC draft general budget for 1985; International Development Association (Seventh Replenishment) Order; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (1984 Selective Capital Increase) Order.

Wed and Thurs: Local Government Bill, clause 1.

Fri: Private Members' motions. Mon, Tues, 17 Private Members' Motions; Merchant Shipping (Liner Conference) Order; Appropriation (No 5) (N.I.) Order.

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Lord Belstead rejected an Opposition amendment which required consultation with local authorities in dealing with health hazards arising from contaminated food.
He said proposals in the Bill were necessary so that the Government could act quickly.
They intended to consult local authorities on administrative arrangements if the Bill became law. It dealt with a narrow but potentially serious situation when harmful substances had been released which could contaminate food.
"We would blame ourselves if we had not laid the right sort of plans," he said. Such situations could occur outside the jurisdiction of local authorities, perhaps at sea.
The amendment was withdrawn.
FEWER ROYAL ORDNANCE JOBS TO GO
Redundancies at two of the Royal Ordnance factories — at Birtley and Bishopston — would not now be as widespread as it was feared, Lord TREFGARNE, Armed Forces Under Secretary, said yesterday in the Lords.
He told Lord Graham of Edmonton (Lab.) that 261 jobs were less likely to be lost at Birtley because of an order received for armour-piercing shells and 240 would be saved at Bishopston because of the workload there.
Lord Trefgarne was speaking during a Question Time exchange on Government progress in creating Royal Ordnance P.L.C. to take over ownership of the factories with all the shares to be held initially by the Defence Secretary.

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THE ARTS

FILMS / Seasonal fantasies

STEVEN SPIELBERG is evidently not one to repeat himself, and while there are some similarities between the Extra Terrestrial of his popular film and *Gizmo*, the comparable creature at the centre of *Gremlins*, there are more differences.

This time he distances himself from the proceedings, acting as chief executive producer but not as director or writer. So the story, starting so sweetly, develops questionably, as I think it does, responsibility must go to the director, Joe Dante, and scriptwriter, Chris Columbus.

Nothing could be more intriguing than the opening with a father, who happens to be a crackpot inventor, going to a special Christmas present for his young son who is a bank clerk in a mid-west town.

Lured into a cellar, he hears the sound of singing from a cage in which he finds a strange creature of unknown species but much charm, looking rather like a Pekinese with ears like a bat's wings.

This is sold to him reluctantly by an old Chinaman with three warnings: the animal must be kept away from water, be protected from strong light and, most curiously, never be fed after midnight.

By these provisions one is reminded of a classic fairy story, but nothing of that kind occurs when *Gizmo* is taken home and given to the delighted son, Billy Peltzer, who finds him an attractive and original pet, quickly calling in a young friend to admire him in his cage.

Alas, he spills some water from a glass on *Gizmo*, with the surprising result that he multiplies.

All this goes on in the Peltzer home in a very matter of fact fashion, with Billy going to work each day and sometimes seeing his girl friend, Kate, while some fun arises from the father's ridiculous inventions.

No warning, then, that this is going to turn sharply into a horror comic, with much more horror than comedy, when the last commandment is broken, and the Peltzers are fed after midnight by *Rand*, whose watch has stopped.

That they should change from amiable to vicious comes as a great shock, and while the original *Gizmo* has somehow not suffered from these accidents, his progeny take on not only a frightening appearance but an aggressive attitude against humans, and we have Billy's mother trying to protect herself with a carving knife.

How these miniature monsters go on to terrify the town in ways I won't divulge, multiplying infinitely when one falls into a swimming bath, makes a rather alarming story, intelligence, which enables them to cut telephone lines and jam traffic lights, not to mention

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A Christmas Carol (U) Classic, Haymarket

driving cars, turns them into formidable adversaries.

That some of their antics, with toys in a department store, for instance, are funny is undeniable, but laughter is effectively stifled by the real terror they inspire and, in the end, when sufficient light is found to obliterate them, I, for one, was much relieved.

IVAN REITMAN'S *Ghostbusters* is another fantasy, but with no touches of reality at all, to be enjoyed for its zany humour typical of the "National Lampoon" school from which several of its contributors are drawn.

There is, for instance, no suggestion of reality in the department studying paranormal occurrences to which we are introduced in a New York university.

The three young scientists conducting interviews belong all too obviously to fantasy, in which they soon find themselves deeply immersed.

For the department is closed down and they set up in business to carry out the same sort of investigations, but commercially, the firm being advertised as "Ghostbusters".

And much wanted, very quickly, by an assistant in the university library who, on a visit to the basement, finds herself pelted by cards from the index system.

Our three scientists, with special electronic equipment, eventually capture a sort of green cloud of vapour which has caused the trouble, and lock it up in a strong box.

After this, business booms, and the three intrepid ghost fighters, looking with their laser beam and other special equipment strapped to their backs, like a military assault unit, have soon got a fine assortment of ghosts in the same bag.

Only their HQ, which was built as a temple, itself appears to be hideously haunted, having associations with an ancient eastern dynasty, and the girl whom the leading scientist fancies becomes identified with a queen of 50,000 years ago.

A young man from her block of flats becoming identified with her King complicates matters, but the trio is evidently equal to all demands which become considerable when statues start escaping from their stoves, as it were, and the temple goes up like a rocket when the ghosts escape.

There's no logic in any of this, but any amount of high spirits and, once again, a great contribution from special effects. Bill Murray does suggest tongue in the cheek as the

leading scientist, with Sigourney Weaver decorative as his girl.

WITH Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* last coming up in 1970 (with Albert Finney as Scrooge), Alec Guinness as Marley's ghost) a new version does not come amiss, especially one so strongly cast as Clive Donner's.

With George C. Scott as Scrooge, an American influence might be suspected, but although he manages the lone part with his usual authority, melting into geniality quite delightfully in the end, the film in general is a triumph for that estimable article, the British character actor.

Frank Finlay as Marley's Ghost, Roger Rees as Scrooge's nephew, Fred Holwell, David Warner as Bob Cratchit and Susannah York as his wife all give beautifully executed studies, with the Ghosts of Christmas past, present and future safe in the hands of Angela Pleasance, Edward Woodward and Michael Carter.

Patrick Gibbs



Zach Galligan as Billy in "Gremlins."

TELEVISION / Scenes from a spy story

PROF. John White Tyler of Cambridge is "a flawed man." It looks as though there may be a skeleton in his cupboard, along with a regiment of hip-stick-decorated female conquests. He also has a mysterious new nuclear policy to put to his fellow West European strategists. "If we cannot cause damage in quantity then we should try to cause damage of quality," he instructs.

This matters so much that the jewel in the S.A.2 crown, a man believed to be "clean in thought, word and deed," has been seconded to guard the Tyler back. He is Charles Dance, alias Major Harry Martin. The Secret Servant (BBC1).

The Gavin Lyall spy story has been adapted by Brian Clemens as the three-part mini-series which opened last night, continues tonight and concludes tomorrow. In the process it has been transformed to meet film convention from an informative narrative into an assembly of short scenes apparently designed to turn a thriller into a mystery.

The opening sequences, for instance, the Major standing as nobly as Sergeant Guy Perron in some Middle Eastern desert, looking mildly alarmed as a light aircraft crashes. The significance of this is not obviously underlined. Back on the printed page Lyall reveals that Harry's much loved wife was killed in that crash and hints that grief at her death may have made him more careless of his own life.

Later Lyall has a tightly written scene in some Wiltshire

coaching inn, following that weapons demonstration on Salisbury Plain. It advances the plot efficiently and, for those inclined to be thrilled by such things, thrillingly. This is too prosaic for scriptwriter Clemens, who prefers to scatter incidents from the scene about to meet the prevailing uncertainty. And lose some of the tension.

The mystery is not all lost. At No. 10 the Major finds that everybody calls the Prime Minister "the Headmaster." It is disappointing to discover from the book that Lyall is not actually referring to Mrs Thatcher and has passed the job on to some obscure Scotsman.

More difficulty is added with the soundtrack. It may be better on air but at the critics' preview it registered as so over-recorded that the rain was as insistent indoors as out. Willoughby Goddard's soup-splurping turn, as Master of Prof. Tyler's College, had to be monstrously amplified just to be heard. Mere words frequently disappeared.

The acting, under Alastair Reid's direction, is as inscrutable as necessary. For reasons best known to him this rule

does not apply to the Professor's potential bed-mate, even the maid labelled as Lyall as "expressiveness." They all signalled their willingness with the subtlety of extras in a Benny Hill show.

Rather more disturbing were the documentary bits of the evening. Richard Belfield's *Reit Boys* (BBC2), in the "Forty Minute" anthology, gave a cautious glimpse of male prostitution as operated in Birmingham City centre. Many questions were left unanswered, particularly about the professional who looked (in darkened silhouette) and sounded as if he should still be in some fourth form.

Perhaps "Open Space" could be cleared for his life story as it was for the articulate, personable 20-year-old Denise Simpson who told of her first 18 years supervised by Hampshire social services. She perhaps underestimates the difficulties her crowning pains caused. That is small excuse. The question mark of *Handled With Care* (BBC2) is purely rhetorical.

Sean Day-Lewis

MUSIC / Martinu's arid landscape

COMING HOME from Martinu's "The Greek Passion" just in time for a Channel 4 discussion on religion and politics served to point up the continuing topicality of the Czech composer's last work. The Welsh National Opera's production turned part of their current programme at London's Dominion Theatre.

Do Christian ethics apply to current affairs? In Martinu's own libretto, derived from Kazan's novel "Christ the Crucified," the shepherd Manolios is also the part of the Redeemer in the Greek villagers' Passion Play. Taking the message to heart he stands up for the starving Cypriot refugees, whose shelter is violently opposed by the Philistine

Elders, he is in due course excommunicated by the Priest, crucified and killed by the Jews. Panous.

The powerful plot is grippingly stated with stark realism by Michael Geliot, while John Gunter's songs evoke the ambience of an arid, sun-baked landscape with just a few suggestive props including two live goats and the donkey destined to carry Jesus.

The more the plot then, it for once is the music that does not live up to the libretto. The disturbing emptiness of the score must not be taken to imply that by 1930 it had become impossible to write popular music in a tonal idiom. In fact it is a veritable

tragedy that in the last year of his life Martinu's powers of invention should have failed him so drastically compared with, say, his opera "Julietta" or many an instrumental work.

London deeply involved one in the shepherd's inner turmoil caused by his complex relations with the widow—Katerina—Mary Magdalena to be sung by Phyllis Carrar. John Tranter made a strong case vocally for the still press-waiter William Markie, meanwhile sang the pauper minister of the immigrants. Under Anthony Newson the splendid orchestra did more than justice to the score.

Peter Stadlen

Royal Philharmonic Society

"A WORK which in its grandeur and breadth of vision and overwhelming beauty is the equal of the most monumental achievements of the great masters of music."

That was Peter Warlock's rhapsodic contemporary opinion of Debussy's large-scale choral work "A Mass of Saint Asa." A view held close to the excitement of early performance, its extravagance may be forgiven.

As received at Wednesday's Royal Philharmonic Society concert also heard on Radio 3, the work's sincerity could hardly be called into question as Sir John Pritchard with no

RBC forces gave it an answer in a concluding, ultra-eclectic, but consistent weaving and emphasis on the point of regard and looking only to come more obviously self-indulgent in such a splendid resolution, leading to self-gratifying expression even like the dove tail of a divine idiom.

Perhaps Nietzsche's poetry calls for such treatment. Perhaps the alternating of evaluation and timeless classic, and their very special Deian mode and feeling with old chromaticisms and dissonances, are justified by their individuality of character. For me it is like eating an

excess of very sweet chocolate, though there is no doubt the technic beauty of such passages as a Prelude to Part II and the description of Zaratustra's summer sleep.

Benjamin Luxon, after a much start, proclaimed Zaratustra's liberating philosophy with impassioned warmth. It is hardly the singers' fault, rather the composer's, that Teresa Cahill, Arthur Haines and Alfreida Hodson made so little impression. As I have implied, the orchestral and choral contributions were on the highest plane of achievement.

Alan Blyth

Music and Revolution

LENIN realised from the start that his revolution was the musical part of the revolution, but in truth they have very little of substance to support. While it is interesting to hear Moscow developing Mussorgsky's vocal writing in his songs, Dushov supplying the "proletarian masses to whom machine oil is mother's milk" with the Prokofiev "Railway Tracks," and Roslavlev finding a fresh slant on Stravinsky's idiom, none seems to have a voice with anything positive or questioning to say.

Some of the underlying trends of early Soviet music have been taken up by Edison Denisov in his new work, "The

Blue Notebook," here having the first performance. Based on 1920s texts by Khams and Vedensky, it contrasts slowly-moving elegiacs for the soprano with spoken stories in a witty witty Gogolian vein, accompanied by occasionally onomatopoeic music from the instrumentalists, and concluding with a pleasant piece of nonsense in which the singer and the speaker strike a range of suspended bottles, jars, kettles and kitchen utensils. According to the score, it is capable even of Stravinsky-like lighting effects, which may well have rendered it more dramatic, but musically it falls terribly flat.

Geoffrey Norris

THEATRE / Battles behind the lines

AS A COMEDY of British military manners in the old Peter Ustinov discursive style, *Desert Air* by Nicholas Wright at The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon, is divertingly observant and sharp wittily satirical but somehow essentially misplaced.

Its tone is reminiscent of those film scenarios in which Mr Ustinov studies satirically the habits of our wartime soldiers—though Mr Wright sticks to the officer class.

He discovers in fact two classes. One comprises the public school and university men who were born to lead and knew it. The other takes in the upstarts, sons of batmen and all that sort of lower class thing. It is Mr Wright's pleasure to suggest that before the enemy could be beaten in the last war the British Army had to win several battles behind its own lines.

Could these majors and brigadiers be said to have betrayed one another in their struggle for promotion? Well, that is the solemn theme. But the author makes so light of it that we hardly care what happens much to anyone as long as the jockeying for position amid the top brass in Egypt in 1942 as it is poised to send a mission to Yugoslavia to sort out the partisans, is kept at the level of stock types.

The trouble is that although the personal conflicts are amusing and richly characterised in Geoffrey Hatching's twitching tyrant of a colonel of the lingo-type, we can't help wondering why so much trouble should be taken over such a — well, a scenario. For that is what these lively episodes amount to rather than a play.

With all its off-stage assistance, including an excellent orchestra, the company almost outnumbered the necessarily small audience for Adrian Noble's well-drilled production which evokes the spirit of the British Army in the Middle East with a fine sense of atmosphere.

But when someone complains about "dreadful co-ordination", militarily speaking, we can't help thinking that this jolly little piece might have seemed better co-ordinated on the screen. We must salute the author's retrospective understanding of his types in a conflict which took place before he was born, and apart from Mr Hatching's irresistible bully, the acting of Peter Erre (his main opponent) and of Nicholas Farrell and Polly James (who has all the right social connections) is good. But it seems an oddly extravagant evening for the Royal Shakespeare Company to have bothered with.

Eric Shorter

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A right royal performance

By Anthony Powell

Art and Power: Renaissance Festivals, 1450-1650. By Roy Strong. (Boydell Press. £19.50.)

SIR ROY STRONG'S "Art and Power" carries further his earlier work "Splendour at Court" (1974) which dealt with the complex and fascinating aspects of the spectacular entertainments put on by the princes of the Renaissance, a subject on which Sir Roy is a recognised authority.

Their prodigious public performances derived in many respects from Roman Triumphs, and were themselves forerunners of the Lord Mayor's Show and Trooping the Colour. If the last might be held to be too specifically military for inclusion, in spite of the megalomaniac and theatrical formality of the parade's music and movement, it must be remembered that the Renaissance festivals also drew on a medieval military tradition of tournaments and State entries. On the purely showy side these pageants and masques gave us ballet, opera, even the proscenium arch and the moveable scenery of the theatre today.

The practical purpose of all this lavish expenditure was to glorify the ruler, and establish his (in the case of Queen Elizabeth I, her) "image" in the public mind. Sir Roy's theme is that these spectacles are perhaps the most consummate example of the use of the use of emblems, being called in to emphasise and define governmental power and aims. The horrible little faceted drawings with which the author illustrates his explanation of the spectacles might be likened to an enormous delectable example of the use of the emblem for the ignorant, with the aim of explaining and instructing in a tasteless way.

To make things easy for those who were none too bright was far from the method of the Renaissance, even if the display was intended to teach a simple lesson in who was ruler and what that implied. The festivals of the Emperor Charles V, Catherine de Medici in France, the Grand Duke Ferdinand in Tuscany and the court masques of Charles I in this country, were often obscure to a degree in the allegories they used. Some of the greatest artists.

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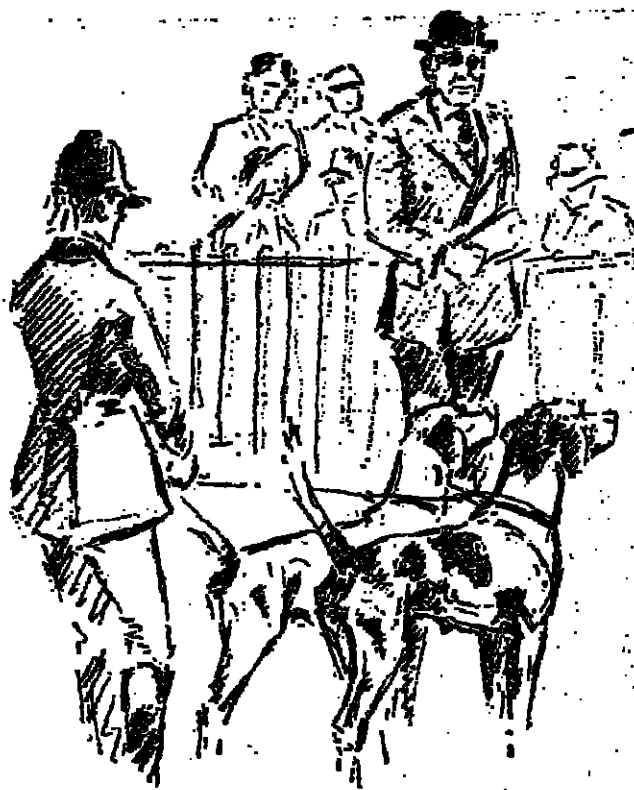
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Judging hounds, one of John King's convincing sketches in the book reviewed below.

With a view halloo

By W. F. Deedes

The Golden Thread: Foxhunting Today. By Michael Clayton and John King. (Methuen. £29.95.)

BEAUTIFUL books are so often made a setting for the artist or photographer, around whom the letterpress is so much cotton wool. "The Golden Thread"—taken from Lord Willoughby de Broke's Foxhunting is the golden thread running through the history of the British countryside—does not conform to this pattern.

The text of the foxhunting man or woman will be distracted from the artist's work, good though it is, by Michael Clayton's account of how foxhunting is run, how the hunt fare, and of his own experience. And so will the eye be like to follow this thread into the final hours of a short winter's day.

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Recent Fiction

By Martyn Goff

You Are Now Entering the Human Heart: Stories. By Janet Frame. (Women's Press. £7.95; paperback, £3.95.)

The Glamour. By Christopher Priest. (Cape. £9.50.)

Ironweed. By William Kennedy. (Viking. £7.95.)

De Altonce Tennis. By J. P. Donleavy. (Weidenfeld. £8.95.)

THE short stories in Janet Frame's "You Are Now Entering the Human Heart" cover a wide range. Not are they all exactly short: the brilliant "Snowman, Snowman" is the length of a novella and has the depth of many a serious novel.

With equal fluency Miss Frame can write about very ordinary people and make them, interesting, about children, with total conviction; and even surrealistically, as in several stories quite haunting in their maverick horror.

The title story combines much of the three genres. A teacher is persuaded to wear a live snake round her neck so that the children can be given an example of not being afraid of snakes. The scene in a museum would be a triumph for most authors, but for Miss Frame it is a triumph for the irony of setting it against the huge railway station exhibit of the human heart (of the title) which the observer has no time to visit after witnessing the snake scene.

Then there is "The Pictures," a marvellous recollection of what an event it once was to go to a picture palace. "Seven thousand feet," the woman said to herself. She liked to remember the length of the film. It was something to be sure of. She knew she could see the greatest love story in the world till after four o'clock.

Miss Frame writes as if she had just discovered the words: "And the sad-looking cow with the ruble of the shoulder and the too-small tethering-rope has calved and swings and rocks her udder like a bagful of sea." This is the work of a major writer.

THE FIRST 100 pages or so of Christopher Priest's "The Glamour" make compelling reading. A film cameraman has been blown up by a car bomb. He is recovering slowly, painfully, in a posh Cornish convalescent home. But despite all the efforts of two differing

WHO am I to quarrel with Saul Bellow and Alison Lurie? The first described a "madman" "William Kennedy's 'Ironweed,' and the second cited it as 'classic.' To me it was a book about a tramp and his girlfriend, delivered in a homespun style.

The scene is Albany, New York, in 1938, though there are flashbacks to the 1890s when Francis Phelan is born. He marries Annie, but on dropping and accidentally killing their 13-day-old child, he leaves home for good. Later, over a period of years, he takes up with Helen. We see life at its lowest, with nights in the open or in appalling doss houses. Money earned, received or borrowed is used primarily for drink; jobs may consist of shovelling earth in a cemetery or humping goods for a rag and bone dealer.

Out of all this, or so the quotations from famous authors would have it, comes a philosophy, a comment on life and love and death. "Helen's feet are like fine brass. She is not unpolished like the brass of this hotel. Helen is the very polished person who is standing at the root of the end bed in the end of the end hotel of the end city of the end." See?

IT IS always sad when an author, who once used to write novels that were sharp, and full of life, becomes totally self-indulgent. But that is what seems to have happened to J. P. Donleavy whose "De Altonce Tennis" is a very weak piece of whimsy.

Some 80 pages are devoted to the story of J. P., a foppish Englishman Lord Charles and the very glamorous Laura on board ship. When they reach New York they continue their rich stupid lives with J. P. trying to track down Laura between drinking bouts. The rest of the book is devoted to the game of De Altonce Tennis, with long paragraphs on the sort of court it needs, the type of clothes it needs, the type of clothes it needs, the type of clothes it needs.

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Fighting off the Philistines

By David Holloway

The British Council: the First Fifty Years. By Frances Donaldson. (Cape. £16.)

THAT the British Council does good work, most sensible people would agree. But quite a few among that number would be hard put to it to explain exactly what the Council does. Something cultural overseas is as far as many could get.

I am not sure the matter is made all that much clearer in Frances Donaldson's painstaking and gracefully written history of the first 50 years of "The British Council." Indeed, judging from her pages, one would suspect that the Council was doing itself over seas. Lord Seabrook, some 25 years later, said, after he had completed an exhaustive review of the whole structure of the Council at the Council's request: "In the end I fell a little in love with it."

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Naturalist as secret agent

By John Terraine

The Man Who was M: the Life of Maxwell Knight. By Anthony Masters. (Blackwell. £9.95.)

IF this book proves to be somewhat elusive and difficult to assess, it is not to be wondered at. Its whole subject is steeped in mystery. Who, for instance, would immediately say that national security would be safe in the hands of a romantic patriot in the Buchanan mould, sexually impotent with leanings towards homosexuality, who was also a talented conjuror, an occultist and a competent performer on the jazz clarinet?

Henry Maxwell Knight (1900-68) was all of those things and in addition a member of MI5 from 1924, and head of the counter-subversion department BS(b), from 1937. In that capacity he became known to Ian Fleming, then in Naval Intelligence, who later modelled James Bond's shadowy but powerful master, "M," partly on Knight and partly on his own chief, Rear-Admiral Godfrey. The fact that Knight and Godfrey greatly disliked each other furthered the mystery.

With war against Nazi Germany visibly approaching, Knight's task was to infiltrate and control those potentially subversive organisations and individuals who might lend their ironic, therefore, to his first reounding success was against a Communist cell in Woolwich Arsenal which was passing weapons secrets to the Soviet Union. However, with the aid of another well-chosen and able woman agent, he then

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Worlds of fantasy

By David Twiston Davies

JESSICA is worrying about leaving her pet duckling after the holiday when suddenly an armed crocodile appears and invites her to bring the little fellow to "the other side" for a month until he is grown up.

At first, it seems cosy enough living in a household with Alfred the crocodile, Hamish the hippopotamus and an erudite dole, though Jessica is disappointed that Alfred the crocodile is still a duckling. They have set off for the very end, where the terrible witch, Lady Glean, lives.

As an experienced thriller-writer, David Osborn sets a fast pace in "Jessica and the Crocodile" (Dragon/Granada, £4.95). The little band find themselves battling with pirates, almost dying in a desert and escaping by balloon from an angry who insists that since Alfred's name begins with A he must marry his daughter. Yet although Alfred's quest for a princess to rescue so that he can win his knightship provides a charming theme, Mr Osborn does not quite wield his many, perfectly legitimate borrowings into a world truly his own.

When retired seadog Samuel Swain mistakenly fills up the balloons and inflates his self, with gas instead of air his first fire premises lifts off the front at Cockle-ton-on-Sea. Nobody notices, though, any more than anybody worries unduly when young Henry Hollins and the two quarrelsome, middle-aged sisters fail to return to the Sea View guesthouse.

Aboard "The Inflatable Ship" (Bodley Head, £5.50), Captain Swain turns his three



This vivid picture by John Lawrence for "Boj," a verse for shouting at children who wake early, comes from "Nothingness Day" (Allison & Busby, £5.95), a collection of Adrian Mitchell's poems for children.

stranded customers into crew and manages eventually to steer a course for land... only to be greeted by three-eyed green creatures. Willis Hall recounts his story with a broad humour, which is complemented by Baber Cole's pictures.

The rich imagination of the New Zealand Margaret Mahy is amply demonstrated in "The Birthday Bazaar and A Very Wicked Headmistress" (Dent, £5.95). The first story is about a lonely boy who, with his family, steals other people's birthdays.

The second deals with a crooked extra-trapeze artist, Miss Taffeta, who runs a private school, with only her brother's help, by disguising herself as a member of staff. The girls grumble but things only get out of hand when a volcano erupts at a nearby farm and mixes eggs and sugarbeet to produce caramel custard containing diamonds. A boiler explosion puts paid to the school, but Miss Taffeta survives. I only hope that further stories about her will contain stronger plot lines.

I suspect that Maurice Dodd, a television cartoonist, began "Merrymole the Intrepid" (Hodder, £4.50) with his excellent illustrations, which certainly attracted one five-year-old. His mole hero is first shown doing aerobics in a biplane, pretending to be a first world war ace. But the story only gets under way when the mer-mole builds an airship to rescue the mysterious beauty whom his old enemy Eustace Browne-Rat has kidnapped by some splendidly yobbish bats.

Shaun Traynor's "Hugo O'Hinge" (Methuen, £5.95) is a plainly related account of the

Brothers on the trot

By Roland Gant

Running the Himalayas. By Richard and Adrian Crane. (N.E.L. £10.95.)
The Ants' Gold: the Discovery of the Greek El Dorado in the Himalayas. By Michel Peissel. (Harvill, £9.95.)

FOR 50 years or more the travel book has been sent up as much as Royal memoirs. So, after reed rafts, hide coracles, extraordinary journeys by intrepid people who raise a lot of money for good causes, what is left?

There is, for instance, "Running the Himalayas," for which Lord Hunt contributes a warm, admiring foreword. It is a wonderfully readable record by two brothers under 30 of their 101-day run over more than 2,000 miles, the fastest ever foot traverse of the Himalayan range. Richard and Adrian Crane's diaries (each often highly critical of the other) and personal stories have been made into a lively story by their friend Marshall Lee.

They actually ran the whole way from Darjeeling through Nepal to Rawalpindi in Pakistan. Travelling so lightweight that they discarded fridges like plastic forks and cups, food for the night and next day, lower legs of trousers and even a length of string, they endured intense heat that started their shirts with sweat, withstood dysentery, infected toes, lice, frosts in the wrong direction—and made it. It was not for Crane greater glory either: one has a PhD in Geology, the other is a computer consultant in California.

Their mother's death was kept from them until they were well on the way because that was what she wanted; and both their parents were proud to

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Tales and legends

By Stella Rodway

THAT money isn't everything is the well-worn but Christmassy message linking together the admirably diverse collection of tales in "The Faber Book of Christmas Stories," edited by Sara and Stephen Corrin (Faber, £5.50), an excellent choice for questing aunts and uncles.

The stories come from different periods and different literary levels. Charles Dickens's "Christmas Carol" (abridged, although the editors are understandably defensive) rubs shoulders with "The Ghost of Christmas Present" by Wendy Wyton, a silly, already dated story children will undoubtedly enjoy about a skate-boarding ghost of Scrooge. Some lovely old legends include "Brother John and his Silver Bell," in which the Christ Child assists an old hermit in his task of guiding the local fishermen.

At a more homely level, Noel Streetfield tells of hard-up but matey Rosa and Ted who melt the icy heart of rich Mrs Cornwell by installing holly, paper chains and the Christmas spirit in the kitchen of her mansion. An old favourite is O. Henry's charmingly ironic tale, "The Gift of the Magi," about a young couple, each of whom sacrifices for the other a most treasured possession.

Charm and sentiment are much less evident as we move to novels of the contemporary scene, where love among the A levels mixes oddly with a strong strain of fantasy. Tim Kennemore's undeniably absorbing story, "Changing Times" (Faber, £5.95), tells of a particularly nasty teenage girl, Victoria, who acquires a mysterious clock which can take her backwards and forwards in time. This shows her the reason for her mother's problems as well as of her own. She gains not much compassion, but a painful insight into her incompatibility with her boy-friend, Damien, when she turns down just in time. The traditions in time are particularly well done.

The forces of elemental evil are on the rampage in the next two novels, in both of which a young boy falls victim to fear of an ancient stone face. In "Blowworth Blue" by William Corlett (Julia MacRae, £6.95) it is the face of the Lincoln Imp in Lincoln Cathedral which terrifies young Jason. He is haunted also by the memory of a rare butterfly, wantonly destroyed, and by the terrible death-bed confession of his Uncle Wilf. With four-letter words and all, the tone is up to the minute. "You're not stuffing, are you?" asks Jason's sister.

In "The Fear of Samuel Walton" by Roger J. Green (O.U.P., £7.95), the evil face is on an ancient stone cross which inspires primitive fear in a small boy. The tale is set in 19th-century Yorkshire and is full of vivid authentic detail, including some amusing school scenes. It also has many exciting moments, such as Samuel's battle in a disused tin mine, and frustrating ones when he tries to warn the sceptical adults and fails to avert the death of a favourite uncle.

More lighthearted is "Goody Hall" (Dent, £5.95) by American writer Natalie Babbitt—a fantasy with that perennial theme that rich doesn't mean happy. In it, ex-actor Hercules Peabright, who has an engaging habit of misquoting Shakespeare, turns tutor to an unhappy rich boy, solves the mystery of a jewel robbery, and comes nearer to finding himself. Curious, original and great fun. For those who would rather have their hair stand on end there is slim volume "Ghostly Companions" by Vivien Alcock (Methuen, £5.95), which contains some beautifully written, moving tales, including one about a typewriter with a mind of its own. Teenage romance blossoms or wilts with few inhibitions in "Just Good Friends" by Jane O'Connor (Gollancz, £5.95), "Gentlewoman's Sister" by Stephanie Calman (Heinemann, £7.95), and "Two's Company" by Catherine Storr (Patrick Hardy, £5.95).

THROUGH THE MILL

By Michael Maxwell-Scott

DURING the later 18th century and much of the 19th, Britain was the centre of the world textile industry, although her technological expertise was continually being filtered off by commercial spies and skilled emigrants, most especially to America.

In "Mill" (Collins, £6.95) the architect and illustrator David Macaulay depicts the construction of four imaginary cotton mills at Wicksbridge, Rhode Island, in the 18th century, designed by a young English emigrant of lively mind. English diary excerpts offer a whole commentary. The drawings of waterwheels, dams, cogwheels, lines of machinery being a whole era humming back to life—as indeed do others of Mr Macaulay's happy re-creations of the past.

Clear and uncluttered atlases tend to get lost, lost or taken (accidentally) to school by 9-to-5s, so if you buy "The Oxford Foundation Atlas" (O.U.P., £5.95) safeguard it. All of it seems good—especially those "thematic" pages (where, say, Income/Lowest), and tancy are projections of all the new projection of all the countries of the world (on the cover) is interesting if rather dizzy-making.

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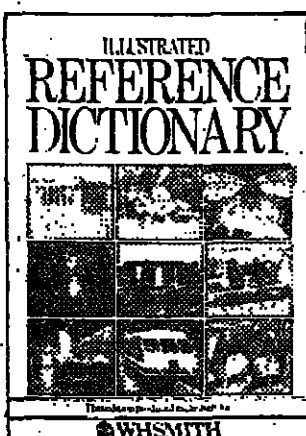
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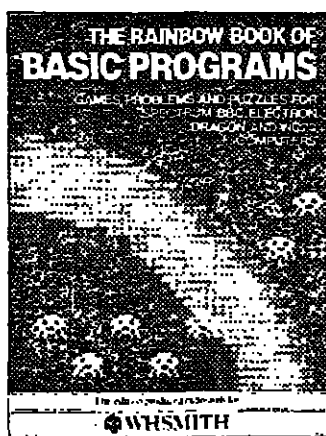
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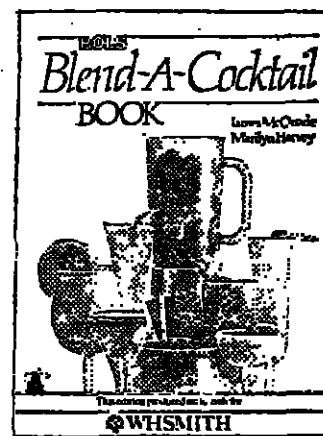
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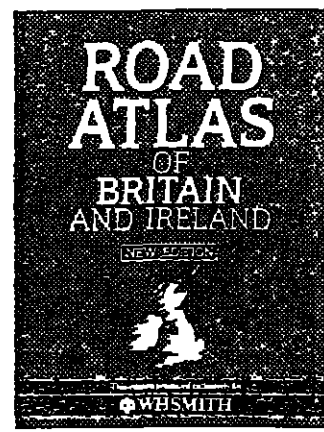
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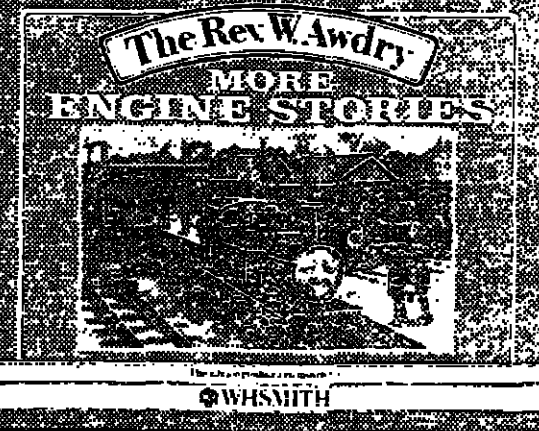
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YOUR PARTY LOOK, ALL WRAPPED UP

BY ANN CHUBB

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Headwraps are still with us and can give those hard aggressive teenage haircuts a softer new look for night-time.

The young style we picture here, for instance, was achieved with nothing more than hairspray and an off-cut of dress net costing only a few pence.

Similar but more sophisticated looks could make use of odd pieces of lace or brocade with equal effect.

It is all change on the make-up counter, too, with stunning new suggestions on how to paint your face from all the major French houses.

When is a lipstick blue, for example? When it is Saint Laurent's stunning new shade No. 47. This is a sheer bright carmine hit with iridescent shots of blue and has sheer shiny red/blue nail polish to match.

Iridescent and opalescent are in so far as Saint Laurent is concerned. Even his palest tones for lips and nails really

do remind one of opals (Pearled Opal Pink No. 45).

Eyes are shaded with soft purple shadow highlight with pale gold, lashes brushed with violet mascara.

Violet is the newest mascara colour from Chanel. Eye colours are a clever combination of four: bronze, pink, violet and gold, to combine or use separately.

Lips here too are a true bright red, although there is an alternative pinky brown (Brun Commande) that really does provide a strong yet natural tone to wear for day with all the currently fashionable country tones.

On a different tack is Dior's new range, Les Secrets. The big "secret" here is the use of dark smokey eye-colours, unexpectedly combined with pale shiny translucent lipstick.

At first glance the dark colours of the eye palettes with their four colours all centring on either black or smoke look daunting, but subtly applied with their accompanying highlights of grey/rose or grey/ochre they look dramatic with the contrast of pale transparent lipsticks.



TOGETHERNESS BY THE SEA

THIRTY-TWO or more voluntary welfare and social groups, clubs and associations in the Sussex village of Pevensey make up a pattern of community life so varied that some organisations think it must be a record for such a small place.

Organisers of these groups use the word "extraordinary" to describe the involvement of some 4,000 members in activities which range from Age Concern and the Flower Club, Aqua Club, Social Club, Horticultural Society, Cancer Research, Darts and Lawn and Residents' Association to the Young at Heart social club and bell ringing.

Age Concern serves 3,500 people in the Pevensey area and raised £10,000 in a year to put an ambulance for the elderly on the road.

Another enterprise, Guide Dogs for the Blind, has raised funds for three dogs.

Over 25 voluntary organisations get together for their Christmas Bazaar which has just raised £1,100.

Age Concern has a Christmas Day dinner in the Red Cross hall where volunteers will provide a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings and wine, for £1 for lonely people. There is no "age" involvement in this; anyone lonely is welcome.

The Royal British Legion, Westham and Pevensey branch, has a Father Christmas parcel delivery service for people who might not get parcels, or indeed, for anyone someone wishes to remember.

each group runs its own affairs, but Mr Ken Ulyatt, Chairman of the Welfare Ambulance Committee, a former Age Concern secretary and Burma Star veteran, knows the scene as well as anyone.

"It is extraordinary," he said, "the way everyone is involved. The atmosphere is in the community; we have even had Scout Cubs helping in some enterprises."

The Age Concern "Pop-in" lunch, where up to 60 people a day meet for soup, bread, biscuits and cheese, coffee and fruit for 35p is a happy occasion where the noise is on the level of a children's playground.

Another enterprise special to Pevensey is the Parish Pump, a 16-page non-profitable newsletter with news from the voluntary organisations in Westham, Pevensey and Pevensey Bay, which goes into 2,500 households every month. It tells what the Flower Club and W.I., the Young at Heart social club, Senior Citizens club, Cubs and Scouts and the Youth Club are doing.

People in "the Bay" do not claim to be unique, but beneath the area's seemingly staid exterior, they feel they have achieved a pattern of living which could be a model for other places of similar size. They would be happy to know there are other small communities that have built up such a pattern of self-help and co-operation but doubt if their record of achievement can be equalled.

Reg Foster

THE ENTERTAINER

JUST back from a year's schooling in Paris, Felicity Simpson is now embarking on a London season, and if that conjures up Sloane Ranger images, they're far from the truth.

For 20-year-old Felicity (pictured right, by PAUL ARMIGER), with a smile so wide it seems about to split her face, has been studying at a circus school in Paris, and her London season will be divided between Leicester Square and the piazza of Covent Garden.

Her act, which she has devised herself, consists of juggling, "Chinese ribbons" and magic, and she hopes it will help to earn her enough to take her to Brazil and the state circus school there.

What made this youngest-of-four from a West London family (her brother is a draughtsman, one sister a teacher, and mother a recent sociology graduate) choose such a career?

"I was always a bit of a show-off as a child," she says. "I used to skateboard a lot, and then I taught myself to juggle and to ride a unicycle, and when I was 16 I was asked to be in the Lord Mayor's parade. That led to odd store-promotion jobs, and once to a spot on a children's TV show."

She got five O-levels and went on to try for A-levels, "although I realised I wasn't academic and I failed them all. I could have done drama at Chiswick Polytechnic but it didn't seem my style—not spontaneous enough—so when I heard about Annie Fratellini's school in Paris I decided to go there. I sold fire-alarms all summer and saved up £180."

In a large tent near the Porte de la Villette, she was taught acrobatics, equilibrium, trapeze work and classical dance at the circus school, paying £35 a month, plus insurance. Hostel accommodation would have added another £140 a month, away beyond her means, but the Accueil des Jeunes (Young Peoples' Welcome) organisation gave her a part grant for the first three months.



BY ELISABETH DE STROUMILLO

Luck got her a job last December with the Paris Circus, which brought in £100-odd, and friends gave her house-room. Eating then depended on precarious revenues. "Juggling on the Metro wasn't a success when it rocked about," she recalls. "But when it worked, people really enjoyed it."

At Easter time she went to Portugal with another circus-school girl, Karen, a dancer from London with a Portuguese father, and they did a double act in a Faro cafe "where we were treated like artists; it was great."

Back in Paris, they became involved with an English theatre group doing "Twelfth Night" in the Bois de Boulogne opera-house theatre. There was no pay during rehearsals, so they did late-evening street shows, first in the Champs-Elysees and later outside the Pompidou Centre.

Now she has a daytime

job in the toy department of a London store and will perform in Leicester Square in the evenings, and Covent Garden from Sunday. "Leicester Square could be tricky for a girl," she reckons, "but I'm going to position myself next to some French bagpipers, who are very nice."

Covent Garden is even better organised than the Pompidou Centre: you sign up on a list for what you hope will be a good half-hour slot, and they even have a special bottler (hat passer). He gets a percentage, of course.

And after Brazil? "When I'm about 26, I'll do a proper drama course, because then I'll be able to get more depth into it. Perhaps I'll try for real plays or perhaps I'll become a jester. Not a clown: that's too introverted, whereas jesters have a wonderful rapport with the people they play to. That appeals to me, but I'll need to know more about people first."

A LAST WORD ON SUPPERS

BEING among the guests at Glynis Christian's "last supper" was an experience as demanding as it was rewarding.

But it wasn't as kind as it sounded: the television cook and author was simply demonstrating the menu he had striven for an original book of "Last Supper," that menu.

We joined Glynis in his self-imposed and extravagant quest to decide on his favourite supper—sampling, Belgium, Savoye (very small), Russian Gold (from the top of Immature Gold), and Iranian Golden (from the Osetra sturgeon). He served it only with four cream and saffron breads.

The latter were a bit of a gastronomic distraction, at least to this inexperienced caviar tester.

His fresh salmon pickled with salt, sugar and ginger (pressed with weights for up to 48 hours) was the superb second course, served, originally, and effectively with a rare Palo Cortado cherry.

Next came wild mushrooms with snails in the crisp puff pastry layers garnished with sorrel: brilliantly conceived and cooked, but too pungent for my palate at last.

Finally, a sweet that looked so beautiful on the plate it was a sacrifice to eat it. Wild strawberries with three fruits from Glynis's native New Zealand: passion fruit, the sweet-sour tamarillo and the highly-perfumed, guava-like Feijoa fruit. (You can substitute kiwi fruit for the latter.)

All the menus, and the recipes accompanying them in the book, are original but not all are quite so full of ideas and surprises. Now can they boast among their choice of the guests they would like to invite to their last supper a famous ancestor, as can Glynis. He is the great-great-grandson of Fletcher Christian, of "Mutiny on the Bounty" fame.

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Duke of Norfolk wins Catholic confidence vote

By CHARLES LAURENCE

THE Duke of Norfolk, Britain's premier Roman Catholic layman, last night resoundingly defeated a plan to oust him from the presidency of the Catholic Union in the wake of his criticism of the Church's ban on contraception.

The proposal for him to step down as President and for the post to be left vacant for a year, made by a follower of the hard-line Opus Dei organisation, was defeated by 86 votes to four at the Catholic Union's annual general meeting at Westminster Cathedral.

YARD UPSET BY 'KIDNAP PLOT' STORY

SCOTLAND YARD yesterday made its first complaint to the Press Council over a report in the Sun of an alleged IRA plot to kidnap a Royal child.

The complaint, in a letter to the council, came from Mr John Dillow, Assistant Commissioner (Crime).

The Sun report claimed that an IRA terrorist had been caught with the kidnap plans and that the targets were Prince William and Prince Harry.

The letter to the council also expressed concern about another Sun report last week about the Princess of Wales's brother, Viscount Althorp, a Yard spokesman said.

The Yard made it clear today that it had no evidence of its own to back up the kidnap claims.

Reporters questioned

After the story was published police said they were extremely concerned, because they were not aware of the alleged threat.

Anti-terrorist squad officers approached the two reporters concerned but they were unable to substantiate their story, said the Yard.

A spokesman for the newspaper said: "We are satisfied with the truth of the kidnap story which came from two separate sources. We believe that Scotland Yard's anger is based on the breakdown in communications between departments."

£10,000 BOND PRIZES

Winning numbers for £10,000 prizes in the December Premium Bond draw were: 51A1 678697 (Hampshire); 65A5 758697 (Berkshire); DK 703011 (Lancashire); DP 619540 (Leeds); SJL 593857 (Hampshire).

RSPCA aims to cut sales of furs

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE RSPCA launched a campaign yesterday against the killing of animals for their pelts in a direct response to the fur trade's efforts to popularise fur garments and expand the market.

The society, which estimates that over 22 per cent of British women own a fur garment, aims to reduce the demand for fur by a third within three years.

Their campaign, based on the slogan "Wearing Fur is a Moral Issue," will adopt some of the techniques used by similar animal organisations in campaigns on the continent where a drop in fur coat sales was recorded in Holland, Switzerland and West Germany.

Next year the RSPCA aims to contact two million households with campaign literature and postcards, as well as a major advertising campaign.

Everyday item

Mr Mike Smithson, the society's campaign director, said yesterday: "The fur trade is trying to turn fur into an everyday consumer item by taking it out of the top stores and into the high street fashion shops. But what will be overlooked is that the raw materials of the trade are living animals."

Mr Stefan Ormrod, the RSPCA's chief wildlife officer, said: "Our declared aim is to prevent cruelty to animals. To produce one fur coat, up to 70 animals are subjected to at best severe hardship and at worst extreme cruelty. So to anyone intending buying a fur coat this Christmas, I would ask them to consider how many animals have died to make a present."

Mr Smithson said the society deplored the tactics of organisations like the Animal Liberation Front which in many cases "actually harmed the cause of animal welfare. All the RSPCA's protests would be within the law."

MORE SURGERY FOR TORY MP

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, 54, Conservative MP for Newbury, suffered kidney failure earlier this year, has been admitted to the Churchill hospital, Oxford, for surgery on a chest abscess caused by a secondary infection contracted during his kidney illness.

Last night he was "making satisfactory progress." It is the second operation in a month on the abscess, and it is hoped eventually he can go on the waiting list for a kidney transplant. He has held Newbury for the Conservatives since 1974 and in the last election had a 13,038 majority.

CALLAGHAN TO REST

The former Prime Minister, Mr James Callaghan, 72, was yesterday discharged from St Thomas's Hospital, London, where he had been undergoing tests. He is to rest for a fortnight.



Mr Roger de Grey (left), the new President of the Royal Academy, pictured with his predecessor, Sir Hugh Casson, after his election yesterday.

Roger de Grey is chosen by RA to succeed Casson

By KEITH NURSE

ROGER de GREY, 66, painter and treasurer of the Royal Academy for the past eight years, was yesterday elected 21st president of the 216-year-old Academy in succession to Sir Hugh Casson.

Effectively Sir Hugh's No. 2 at the RA headquarters in Burlington House, Piccadilly, he was the front-runner.

He won a "very healthy" majority from a general assembly of 59 Academicians and Associates.

Voting in favour of Mr de Grey, an oil painter whose recent works have been mostly French landscape studies, was said to be almost unanimous. "There is certainly no blood on the carpet," said Mr Peter Rodger, secretary of the Academy.

The eight-year presidency of Sir Hugh Casson, 74, architect, water colourist and distinctly likeable public figure, noted for his wit and compassion, has been a highly effective one, during which the Academy has acquired a much higher public profile and invaluable sponsorship support for its major exhibitions.

Staying on course

His is generally considered to be a difficult act to follow. The main aim in recent years has been, through a major public appeal for funds—£4.1 million has been so far raised towards a £8 million target—to put the Academy, which does not receive Government aid, on a much needed firm financial footing.

"This appointment means that the Academy remains firmly on its present course," said one official last night. One highly favoured candidate for the position was the sculptor Dame Elisabeth Frink, 54, but the possibility of the RA having its first woman president disappeared when she made it clear last month that she did not want to be considered.

Last night Sir Hugh formally presented his successor with the chain of office and gold medal in a brief ceremony on the main staircase to the galleries.

Mr de Grey is Principal of the City and Guilds of London Art School, and became an Academician in 1963. He has been a member of the RA's exhibitions committee since 1975 and was elected treasurer in 1978. His paintings have been described as "gentle and even genteel abstracts." His work has been widely purchased for both private and public collections in Britain and abroad, including the Queen's, the Tate Gallery and the Arts Council.

Two nations to insure stately home exhibits

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

THE £300 million worth of treasures from Britain's stately homes which are to go on exhibition next November in Washington are to be insured by the British and American Governments.

In an unprecedented move, priceless paintings, sculptures, furniture and other artefacts, are to be given top security rating from both governments.

The organisers of the exhibition have been given assurances from Mrs Thatcher and Mr Regan that the exhibits, to form "The Treasures of Britain" exhibition, will be watched by security agents "every inch of the way."

It is also understood that any damage or loss of exhibits from properties belonging to the National Trust, the Historic Houses Association, and private stately home owners, will be met by the two governments.

Added problem

An added problem for both governments and their security agencies will be the attendance of the Prince and Princess of Wales, who are patrons of the exhibition, and who are expected to be in Washington for the opening. President Reagan is also expected to be there.

Several major works of art have been discovered in Britain's country houses by researchers from America's National Gallery of Art who are staging the exhibition.

Mr J. Carter Brown, director of the Gallery said: "More than 600 historic works of art have now been identified for what will be the greatest single exhibition of British treasures ever seen outside the United Kingdom."

WHERE TRACTORS FLY!

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

THE Prince of Wales said in a rare interview on American television last night that his two young sons have "stinking colds" but otherwise were "in very good form indeed."

He said that William, who is two, does not seem to have developed a rivalry with Harry, two-and-a-half months.

But he added: "You have to be slightly careful because you know, a tractor comes winging through the air and things like that occasionally, which is only to be expected."

Prince Harry, he said, was "absolutely adorable. And it's interesting with a second child, very often a lot of people have told me this—that with the second one you're more relaxed as parents, I think, and therefore to communicate an atmosphere of greater relaxation to the child."

Prince Charles reported that his younger son was "extraordinarily good, sleeps marvelously and eats very well."

Operation Raleigh

The Prince agreed to be interviewed by Barbara Walters, a B.C. one of America's best-known broadcasters, to publicise Operation Raleigh, which will give youngsters from 20 countries the opportunity to work aboard the ship Sir Walter Raleigh as it sails round the world.

He also disclosed that when he was at Gordonstoun, he did less well than some may have expected. "I suppose people think that because you're who you are, therefore they wouldn't dare fail you in anything, and

SPENCER PAPERS FOR LIBRARY

By ALISON BECKETT Art Sales Correspondent

THE Princess of Wales's family papers believed to be worth several hundred thousand pounds have been acquired by the British Library for an undisclosed but "sizeable" sum.

The papers, dating back to the 16th Century, were sold by private treaty by the London book dealers Bernard Quaritch on behalf of the 8th Earl Spencer.

Tax exemption

Both the library and the Earl benefit from exemption from capital tax, it being a private sale to the nation, and the purchase was helped by a grant of £128,398 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and £5,000 from the Friends of National Libraries.

Three items will be on show from today: the minutes of a meeting of a group of peers debating whether or not to send James II to the Tower; letters from Queen Anne; and opinion on the Irish question from Charles Farnell to the 5th Earl.

MAN FACES 7 MORE CHARGES

SEVEN new charges were brought yesterday by Bedfordshire police against a man accused of three rapes and other offences. The 32-year-old labourer made no comment during the five-minute hearing at Dunstable Magistrates Court.

A witness crowd gathered outside the court and jeered and booed as he was led handcuffed into a van bound for prison after the hearing.

The new charges alleged that on April 11 he indecently assaulted a woman at Linslade, Bedfordshire, and on August 13, Cheddington, Beds, on May 19, and burgled a house at Heaton Road, Beds, with a firearm on June 9.

Shotgun theft

The further abuse him of causing serious bodily harm to a man at Loughton Bazzard on the same night; indecently assaulting a woman at Linslade, on July 6; burgling a house at Peterborough, Durham, on August 13; and entering a building at Milton Keynes with intent to rape on September 9.

The earlier charges against him were unchanged. He is accused of rapes in Linslade, Brampton, Leighton Buzzard, Yorks. He is also accused of stealing a shotgun with intent to endanger life in Leighton Buzzard and burgling a house in Leighton Buzzard while possessing a shotgun.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted and there was no application for bail. A committal date was set for December 20.

INVALID CAR ATTACK BY BOY, 7

A seven-year-old boy robbed a disabled pensioner as she drove home in her invalid carriage, snatching her purse containing £9, a pair of spectacles and a cheque card before running off down the high street at Thatcham, Berkshire.

Police later interviewed a boy about the weekend incident, but a spokesman said no action would be taken as the child was below the age of criminal responsibility.

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COMPANIES

Ferranti £3.7m up mid-way

DEFENCE electronics group Ferranti lifted opening half pre-tax profits from £14.8m to £18.5m on turnover of £553 against £277m.

Earnings came out at 3p, compared with 2.62p adjusted for September's sub-division, and the interim goes up from 0.44p to 0.50p payable Feb. 4.

The order book, meanwhile, stands at a record level, up by more than 35 p.c. on the position a year ago. Notably, the company has been selected as the prime contractor for a new sonar to equip Royal Navy frigates, says the board.

Allied Colloids

PROFITS and dividend growth at Allied Colloids industrial chemicals group, have continued for it has pushed opening half pre-tax profits up from £7.61m to a peak of £10.2m and the interim dividend goes up from an adjusted 0.5p to 0.7p on Feb. 28. Earnings came out at 3.06p.

Despite British sales being adversely affected by the coal dispute, group turnover advanced from £7.6m to £8.9m helped by continued growth overseas and a favourable exchange rate.

The board does not expect any general deterioration of trading conditions in the general half. In the closing months of 1983, the group made £10.6m for a full year out-turn of £18.2m (£12.2m).

Cent. & Sheerwood

THE IMPACT of "house-cleaning" weighed heavily on engineering and financial services in Cent. & Sheerwood in the first half. Pre-tax losses have swelled from £415,000 to £4.79m.

Aero & General jumps 38p

POSSIBLE bid approach left Aeronautical & General Instruments 38p higher at 358p, after 37p, yesterday despite a tumble in opening half pre-tax profits from a peak of £348,000 to just £46,000.

The company manufactures reconnaissance systems and telecommunications products. Telecommunications account for around three quarters of its business and rapid changes in this area are behind the profits downturn.

The change from largely mechanical to electronic technology, especially in the area of payphones, has seen the company undertake a major product development programme.

Aeronautical & General, which is more than 45 p.c. owned by investment funds, is in the Red Brothers stable, is currently capitalised at £14.5 million.

MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE POUND gained slightly against the dollar yesterday, rising to \$1.206 from \$1.205 overnight as the American currency lost ground in thin trading conditions.

The Bank's grudging assistance and the belief that there is no scope for another cut in bank base rates before the New Year kept money markets in a quiet mood, with interest rates broadly unchanged.

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but these are struck after exceptional charges of £1.2m. Chairman Lord Eden says that the overall group position is likely to hold steady in the closing months and he reiterates his expectation of a return to profitability in 1985.

Once again, there is no interim and payment of the preference dividend due in January is being deferred.

Group borrowings at end-June have been reduced from the previous year's £25.5m to £18.5m.

Fairline Boats

THE IMPROVEMENT in business experienced by Fairline Boats in the first half continued in the second, and this power cruiser builder is increasing the dividend by 50 p.c.—a 1.5p final on Feb. 2, making a 3.625p (1.75p) total. Pre-tax profits for the year to September are ahead from £248,000 to £402,000.

The current year has started well with strong demand for all Fairline models.

Feedback

THE ORDER pattern at Feedback, the computer peripherals maker, as it warned in August, been such that shipments in the first half were insufficient to produce normal results. As a result, pre-tax profits have slumped from £32,000 to £3,000.

The interim dividend, however, stays at 1.25p. Shipments in the closing months will lead to a substantial recovery, the board says, and full-year results should be similar to last year's £1.63m pre-tax.

Fine Art Devs.

PROFITS recovery continues for the nation's biggest greeting cards group with the first half pre-tax profits up from £155,000 to £242,000. Sales, including Selective Group for the first time, advanced £14.4m to £52.9m taking operating profits up from £1.25m to £2.38m. The interest

Glynwed sells S. African arm

WEST MIDLANDS engineering group Glynwed International yesterday announced the latest phase of its rationalisation of overseas businesses.

The group has agreed to sell its entire 74.2 p.c. interest in South African subsidiary Defy Corporation to Tek Corporation in a deal which will net Glynwed the equivalent of £3 million.

Glynwed is retaining the foundry and pressings division of Defy, which will be held in a newly formed subsidiary based in Natal. The British group is increasing its interest in that division to 100 p.c.

The proceeds of the deal will go to reducing Glynwed's borrowings. In 1985 Defy made pre-tax profits of £2.2 million, of which the foundry and pressings side contributed £850,000. But the company produced a loss in the first half of 1984.

IN BRIEF

British & American Film Holdings: First half pre-tax profit £240,000 (£150,000). Eps: 1.25p (1.00p). Dividend 1.25p (1.00p). Payable Jan. 18.

John Finlan: First half pre-tax profit £68,500 (£105,000). Turnover £2.65m (£1.68m). Eps 2.5p (2.15p). Interim dividend 1.8p (1.5p). Payable Jan. 18.

Philips Lamps Holdings NV: Interim dividend £1.00 (1.00). Dividend 1.00 (1.00). Payable Jan. 18.

Routeledge & Kegan Paul: First half pre-tax profit £105,000 (loss £49,000). Turnover £2.95m (£2.95m). Eps 0.1p (loss 0.1p). No interim dividend (same).

Spencer Clark Metals Industries: Full year pre-tax profit £24,000 (loss £154,000). Interim dividend £250,000 (£138,000). Turnover £9.72m (£9.26m). Eps 4.56p (loss 2.67p). Extraordinary: Dividend 2.5 p.c. (nil). Increasing demand from aerospace industry is encouraging.

Property and Reversionary Investments: First half pre-tax profit £1.08m (£880,000). Gross rental income £1.89m (£1.64m).

PAULS

PAULS took swift action to reduce costs following the drop in sales of cattle feed that resulted from the E.E.C. imposition of milk production quotas on dairy farmers last spring. Its agricultural operations are already recovering while its never activities are all growing.

Looking ahead, it says much will depend on the determination of dairy farmers to make up for the present shortfall on their quotas and the consequent volume of cattle feed sold this winter. It is too early for the board to forecast results for the 1984-85 but the interim expects them to be significantly different from last time.

Meanwhile, first half pre-tax profits have eased from £4.55m to £2.6m but the interim is again 2.5p on Jan. 18.

Redpath Industries

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Net income rose from £25.5m to £31.4m, or 35p-40p per share, against £24.6m, or 35p-40p per share. The improvement reflects the elimination of the company's share of 1983 operating losses in Zimabwe and a lower tax charge. Revenue declined from £385m to £372m, directly attributable to lower world sugar prices.

The quarterly rate of dividend rose from 30 cents to 37.5 cents on March 30, 1984, as a sub-division of the common shares on a three-for-one basis.

Wagon Industrial

WAGON Industrial Holdings has had another record opening half with turnover up 11.8p to £21.85m and earnings up 1.86p to £2.46m. With earnings up 1.86p the interim is to 50p on March 15. This is partly to reduce disparity.

Most of the British companies did a capably better, and this should encourage the board to finance the construction of a fourth kiln to cope with the continuing growth in demand for the group's range of facing bricks.

The issue comes together with another set of record full-year results, which show pre-tax profits up from £1.05m to £1.79m on turnover £1.63m ahead at £8.63m, and the news that the first two months of the current year have seen a continuation of the recent high levels of trading.

The final dividend is being increased by 40 p.c. from 2.5p to 3.5p on Feb. 15 for a 3.5p (3.5p) total and the board intends at least to maintain this total on the increased capital. Earnings were 11p (7.9p).

BIDS AND DEALS

Riley Leisure

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Handsome is as Hanson does

TEST the kids' maths with this one. A company starts the year with cash of £502 million, it spends £500 million on acquisitions. How much is left? Answer: £452 million—but only if the company is Hanson Trust.

During the year Hanson has increased its cash in hand by £150 million, despite spending £425 million on the purchase of U.S. Industries and £240 million on London Brick, the cash element of the latter being about £70 million.

Cash is not the whole story, of course, and Hanson's long-term debt is up from £106 million to £179 million, around £50 million of which is convertible stock issued against the Ever Ready acquisition and likely to be converted in February.

The fact remains, however, that net debt is still only 37 p.c. of shareholders' funds and Hanson is ready to not point to—make another—major purchase.

Last year's pair of purchases added about £20 million to the pre-tax balance for the year to September 30, 1984, so the remainder of the £78 million increase to £169.1 million came from earlier glories.

At home, Alders (UDS) as well as a number of realisations put in £24.8 million and Ever Ready £31.9 million compared with £20.5 million.

London Brick was included for only seven months but nevertheless was the major factor in pushing brick profits from £7.8 million to £32.8 million. U.S. Industries was five months within the group and put in trading profits of £38.9 million.

In the current year, including for the full 12 months London Brick and U.S. Industries and allowing for reasonable growth in the other businesses pushes pre-tax profit projections towards the £220 million level.

That would provide another handsome increase in earnings per share to take the three year progression, before diluting for loan stock conversion, from 11.5p to 19.2p to around 25p. At 279p, the shares are still far from overblown.

Beer is best at Bass

THOSE of little faith got a hasty come-uppance yesterday morning. A too-superficial reading of Bass final figures to September 30 made it appear it had undershot profit targets and the shares slipped 10p. Proper examination revealed the reverse (the confusion was over property profits) and the pre-tax profit increase from £175 million to £218.4 million, despite lower property profits, was enough to send the shares up 5p on the results, 5p ahead to 456p.

Bass's beer engine powered ahead during the year, with market share up by 1 p.c. The larger market as a whole grew by 8 p.c. and Bass did even better than that. Beer volumes were 0.5 p.c. ahead nationally, and again Bass claims a bigger increase.

The strength of the beer business—which recorded a 27 p.c. trading profit increase—does, however, pose a problem for Bass in that its declared ambition of generating a quarter of group profits outside the drinks industry further from realisation than ever.

Last year the non-drinks proportion of profits slipped from over 18 p.c. to under 16 p.c. as none of the leisure interests could head a candle to the beer side—registering a growth rate of a lowly 8 p.c.

Bass is likely to get close to its aim only by acquisition, and even then its strong position in both hotels and betting limit the opportunities. Despite a mediocre performance from Pontius, Bass is still eyeing the holiday business. Maybe it will wait to see Grand Metropolitan's intentions towards Horizon Travel before making a move.

Financially, Bass is in a good position to move for despite capital spending of £180 million, it generated a £60 million improvement in liquid funds.

The current year is already off to a reasonable start and although it will contain only 52 weeks' trading, against 1983/84's 53 weeks, the pre-tax figure looks capable of rising to £250 million.

That leaves the shares selling at nine times earnings and still one of the best buys in an under-rated sector.

Nothing dull about GUS

GREAT Universal Stores is the retailing group which looks like a conglomerate. Its business stretches from mail order to chain stores, through merchandising and manufacturing to finance.

Shareholders have been glad of that mix for some years—about 35 to be exact, for that is how long GUS has been able to maintain a steady, if undramatic appreciation in pre-tax profits.

Half-time profits to September 30 suggest the trend is continuing with an increase from £92 million to £105 million. At 14 p.c. that rate of growth fits neatly into the top end of GUS's long-term range of between 5 p.c. and 15 p.c.

The reliability of results could encourage the view that GUS's shares are dull performers. In fact the reverse is true. GUS's shares have moved from a high of 703p in March to a low of 495p in July, despite lower property profits, was enough to send the shares up 5p on the results, 5p ahead to 456p.

They are, in short, a trading

stock. The steady growth record inspires investors to move in when the retailing sector looks set for a hard time, and move out when the going is easier.

At the moment the shares are probably just over mid-way through their investment cycle. There are question marks over the 1984 Christmas trade but consumer spending is running at reasonably high levels.

If the group can make £260 million pre-tax for the full year, against £226 million, the earnings multiple will be about 9.5 times. That probably has some way still to go and it will attract more support if the retailing cycle does fall away in the New Year.

Dollar troubles for BOC

THE soaring dollar might well have provided a handsome boost to Richard Giordano's famous salary last year but it also played havoc with BOC Group's United States exports.

That is evident from a ravaged contribution from the United States sale of electrodes and anodes during the year to September 30, 1984. Fortunately the company is able to report substantially more good news than bad.

The pre-tax level emerges just above the top end of stock market expectations at £157.8 million reflecting a strong performance from gases and health care as well as recovery from carbon, carbide and welding.

A good deal of chopping and changing took place last year as the company disposed of several important investments, including Datastream and Oxford Instruments, while also cutting out a large proportion of its loss-

making American welding interests.

The termination costs of these have been taken below the line and are set against the profits of investment sales to leave an after tax credit of £12.5 million. But BOC has taken the full impact of trading losses on its discontinued activities on the chin. Operating profits for the year are struck after a £9 million loss on the welding side.

Profits from the gases operations expanded from £123 million to £145 million reflecting improved economic conditions in its major markets, Britain and the United States, and the company also saw the benefits of considerable investment in new plant and new applications.

Health care profits increased from £58 million to £85.8 million, and the improvement would have been greater but for the introduction of vigorous cost containment measures in the United States health care system.

The group will continue to have trouble with its American exports of anodes and electrodes as long as the dollar remains its present course. This will be largely offset in the current year by growth in specialist carbons, and under the company's modified historic cost accounting principles that should produce a pre-tax total of £165 million, against £138 million.

Under a straightforward historic cost accounting, that implies about £207 million, against £179 million, for a prospective earnings multiple at 35p of eight times.

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BPCC Answers Waddington Shareholders' Questions

Q. Why will the Offer not be extended? Why doesn't BPCC offer more?

A. The Waddington Chairman refused to negotiate any higher price. Surely unfair to shareholders. Intransigence seems to be catching in Yorkshire!

Q. Mr. Watson says BPCC offers no premium for control. Why?

A. We are obviously offering a generous premium. Our offer is worth 9.4 times our forecast of Waddington's earnings based on a tax charge of only 15%. This is 10% above the price earnings ratio on the average Packaging and Paper share, which is calculated on largely historic earnings. (*See below).

Q. What happens to the Waddington share price if the offer fails?

A. You don't need to be told that if our offer lapses next week - an offer which has largely fuelled the price rise - the price is likely to drop. The highest price which Waddington and its advisers thought they could place our holding in October 1984 was 410p per share.

Q. Mr. Watson seems worried that if the offer succeeds, Waddington would be controlled by the Pergamon Holding Foundation of Liechtenstein. Need we worry?

A. Certainly not. There is nothing wrong in this. P.H.F. controls Pergamon Press and through Pergamon Press, BPCC and Hollis Bros. and E.S.A. These companies and thousands of their shareholders have all done very nicely, thank you.

Q. Can you explain the 14 September, 1984 revision of the Waddington Executive Directors' employment terms? They have awarded themselves an average fixed remuneration of about £200 extra a week each.

A. You should ask them.

Q. What shall we do?

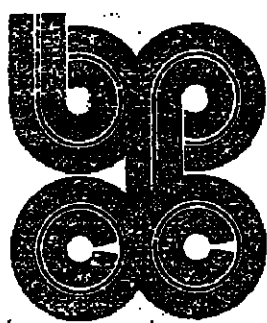
A. Accept the offer, and nail down your profit - a near fivefold profit if you owned Waddington shares before any bid was made in 1983. Not a bad profit by any standards.

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Houses of the rising sums

Plans of detached "executive" homes rolled down hills where once were polo-grounds and "new" estate agents, the prisoners of war now know anything but new. Chiswell is still pleasant, but one doubts whether anyone would write to his friends saying it "is the best place in the world" where he working there now.

Our last home there was in Meadow Way, one of the most picturesque and most successful. By coincidence it is currently being offered

A little way away is White Lodge with the same views of the golf course beyond its swimming pool and garden. The bar, ceiling mirrors and richly-coloured carpets will not overdo the cup and saucer service in excess of £350,000. One outstanding feature of the house is the large family room that has been built what was the old loft.

In Stradbrook Drive, another "the" roads in Chiswell, Balroser

A little way away is White Lodge with the same views of the golf course beyond its swimming pool and garden. The bar, ceiling mirrors and multi-coloured carpets will not be everybody's cup of tea and nor will the price. Rainstow Eyes seeks offers in excess of £350,000. One outstanding feature of the house is the large family room that has been built what was the old loft.

In Stradbroke Drive, another "the" roads in Chigwell, Bairston

In Stradbroke Drive, Chigwell, this 1938-built four-bedroom house is offered at £320,000.

A modern Georgian-style four-bedroom home in Audleigh Place, close to Meadow Way, is offered by Birstow Eves for £175,000 and in Brook Way an older house with four bedrooms and an annex is priced at £139,800.

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Third Test

BORDER'S TEAM ARE GIVEN NO REAL CHANCE

By ALAN SHIELL in Adelaide

THE enforced withdrawal of Australia's wicket-keeper, Wayne Phillips, from the third Test against the West Indies, starting today, leaves South Australia, the home state, without a representative in the match, which celebrates the centenary of Test cricket at Adelaide Oval.

South Australia had only one player—their champion all-rounder, George Giffen—in the team which lost to England by eight wickets in Adelaide Oval's first Test, Dec. 12-16, 1884.

Giffen scored four and 47 and took 2-80 off 56-2 four-ball overs (and 0-19 off six overs) in that historic match.

Steve Brixon, 50, of New South Wales, is Phillips' replacement, and is entitled to his recall because of his consistently good batting and bowling figures of 58 and 115 not out against South Australia in the Sheffield Shield match which New South Wales won by 112 runs in Sydney on Monday.

Phillips, 26, was ruled out of the team to play the West Indies in the third Test at Adelaide Oval and Test cricket's 100th match, because of a swollen, painful top joint in his right ring finger.

Holding doubt
The West Indies, too, may have to make a last-minute change. Michael Holding has sprained his right wrist and his left side and may be replaced by off-spinner Roger Harper, 12th man in the first Test.

Alan Border, in his first Test as Australia's captain, yesterday admitted to being "very nervous about what could happen," but promised that Australia was "the same team, but a different side" for this match.

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Allan Border... determined the team shall do better.

Lloyd, the West Indies captain, said yesterday his players always had played within the rules of the game, and had never had a problem with umpires saying they had bowled too many short balls or were trying to knock heads off.

However, all Australian cricket followers are expecting a much sterner effort than those offered by their team in Perth and Brisbane, where the West Indies romped in within four days each time.

To lose again, to probably the strongest cricket team ever assembled, would be a disgrace. The West Australians must do it, he said, to be competitive, which was not the case in Perth and sometimes not in Brisbane.

Border revealed that Sir Donald Bradman had agreed to address the team dinner at the Adelaide Hilton on Wednesday night—where, in cricket, is the nearest to a formal dinner.

Two other former Australian captains, Greg Chappell and Richie Benaud, spoke at the team dinner in his first Test as Australia's captain, yesterday admitted to being "very nervous about what could happen," but promised that Australia was "the same team, but a different side" for this match.

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Needled by criticism of his team's fast bowling tactics, Clive

England call upon Moxon at last

By MICHAEL CAREY in Bombay

MARTYN MOXON makes his belated first appearance for England in their game against North Zone at the Wankhede Stadium in Bombay today, replacing Grahame Fowler as Tim Robinson's opening partner.

For this match, the last being a second Test in Delhi, England also rest the Middlesex trio of Mike Gatting, Paul Downton and Norman Cowans.

With Paul Allott still troubled by his injured back, Neil Foster and Richard Ellison, who has played in every match so far, spinners, Paul Pocock, Vic Marks and Phil Edmunds, appear together for the first time.

David Gower will play and probably bat first wicket down, despite his injury in the one-day international at Poonja where the ball flew up into his hair from the outfield. This has left him with a scuffed nose and a slightly blackened right eye, but no problems of vision.

With England's uncertain batting costing them the first Test, Moxon's performance will be studied closely by the selectors. He was obliged to return home from Sri Lanka because of the death of his father and has been in the shadows since then.

He found himself in the perhaps unique position of making his first appearance 36 days after the start of the tour.

The tour players, in fact, considered playing all three opening batsmen, but felt it risky enough with his form after making runs in the second innings of the first Test.

It was given the option of playing in the first Test, but it was not taken. Robinson is less than 20 years old and has been in the middle of a slump since his first Test.

He was dreadfully unlucky in the mode of his dismissal in both innings, first being adjudged

New Zealanders settle for draw

THE New Zealanders' three-day match with the Punjab Governor's XI in Bahawalpur ended in a tame draw

yesterday after the tourists settled for batting practice in preparation for today's fourth one day game against Pakistan.

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enlightening the final session with eight wickets for 105 minutes in the morning to finish off the Governor's side, who also lost the loss of his wicket tally to three, at a cost of 24 runs, while Spedden and Bock each had one victim yesterday.

New Zealand's first Test match was against England at Lord's in 1930. The Kiwis have since played 10 Tests, winning six, losing four and drawing one.

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Money moans in ranks

By DEREK HODGSON
THE TCCB are to set up a small working party to investigate discontent among the 17 first-class counties, some of whom believe that the rich are getting richer and that something should be done about it.

This movement follows similar opinion in the Football League where clubs outside the very rich Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United, Spurs are beginning to seek ways of obtaining a larger share of the cake.

The arguments arise over the same source in both sports—the share of income derived from TV fees and advertising.

Secretaries alarmed
The cricket rich, those counties with Test match grounds, average £100,000 in income as a result of promoting a Test. They get a greater portion of the share than the poorer counties, also gaining a lucrative income of entertaining sponsors and some ground advertising.

After this golden summer when the TCCB are expected to receive £200,000 and Lancashire £170,000, money that is beyond the reach of what might be called the shire clubs.

Philip Carling (Gloucestershire) and Mike Turner (Leicestershire) are two secretaries alarmed at the prospect of a new five-year Test programme, which will confirm international cricket on its present circuit.

One suggestion for a more equitable distribution is to raise the £250,000 for the loss of a player to a Test match. If this amount were raised to £500,000, the rich counties contributing most to England would also receive the most in return.

The TCCB could also spread the one-day internationals, now the preserve of the provincial grounds, but the sponsors, seeking maximum protection, may not be too keen on events outside.

It is hard to understand why Taunton, Hove and Leicester should not promote the occasional one-day international, or why there should not be a Test match in the west, at Bristol or Swansea.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

CENTRAL PURCHASING AND SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
£13,725-£14,709

The Department was formed in 1958 and is now well established and successful. It has a current purchasing budget in excess of £3 million per annum and is responsible for the purchasing and stores service both to the Liverpool City Council and on an agency basis to a number of other authorities.

Reporting directly to the Director this appointment is the number 2 Management post in the Department. The Assistant Director, in the absence of the Director and Senior Assistant Director, will be responsible for the control and operation of the Department.

The City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of race, sex, marital status or disability.

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A Socialist Council

SENIOR EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER
£9,060-£9,660

To join a small team responsible for managing the production of emergency plans for peace or war. The County of Kent is a major authority in the defence of the United Kingdom and should be capable of relating to management at all levels. Knowledge of industrial processes would also be useful. Experience in emergency planning in any form of training will be an advantage, as would a degree of fluency in a second language. Candidates should be numerate, articulate and able to express themselves in writing.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Principal Salaries Officer
Grade FO1B

Salary £10,761 to £11,703 plus £377 L.W. & supplement

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER
£16,374-£17,528

The Council is launching the development of a three pronged strategy designed to produce a rapid upgrading of its information systems. The three elements are:

(a) a large upgrading of its mainframe capacity and corporate systems;

(b) the widespread installation of micro computers in user departments;

(c) support for departments in gathering and using information for improving performance.

The Information Technology Officer will be responsible for managing the computer section and for leading this exercise and for developing the strategy and the procedures which will permit its timely and cost-effective implementation.

Whatever his background so far he must be able to demonstrate not only current technical knowledge in the computing/communications field, but also the personal qualities of departmental and project management. He must be at the focal point of the exercise be able to work well with departments in tackling their information requirements.

For application forms and further particulars please contact Gill Turner on St. Helens 24061 Ext 2452 or Debbie Oulton on Ext. 2231 or call in at the Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, Please return completed forms to the Personnel Services Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, St. Helens.

Closing date: Tuesday 18th December, 1984. Applications will be accepted on the basis of Equal Opportunity policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of disability, marital status, race or sex.

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NORTH WEST TRAVEL REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
MANAGER
NATURAL CONTRACTS 141

The Manager will be responsible for the management of the North West Travel Region. He will be responsible for the management of the North West Travel Region.

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CONTRACTS & TENDERS

REPUBLIQUE DU ZAIRE

SUCRETTE DE KILIBA s.a.r.l. - Kiliba-Kivu
REHABILITATION ET EXTENSION DU COMPLEXE
SUCRIER DE KILIBA-REGION DU KIVU
AVIS D'APPEL D'OFFRES INTERNATIONAL

1-Objet et Financement
Le Conseil Executif de la Republique du Zaïre en vertu de la loi n° 16 du 19/05/78 (SUCRIER) en qualité de Maître d'Ouvrage, a décidé d'entreprendre la construction et l'extension du complexe sucrier de Kiliba.

2-Conditions de participation
La participation est ouverte à égalité de condition à toute personne physique ou morale ou groupement des dites personnes justifiant des références techniques et financières satisfaisantes.

3-Consultation et acquisition des dossiers d'appels
Les dossiers d'appel d'offres (cahier des charges) sont disponibles depuis le 20/11/84 aux adresses suivantes:

Kiliba: Sucrerie de Kiliba, Avenue Mfumu Lubutu, KINSHASA 1
contre paiement de 2.000.- non remboursables.
Anvers (Belgique): Sucrerie S.A., Rue de la Liberté 34, 2010 Anvers, Belgique
Tel: (03) 232-22-40
Monseigneur LONTIE
Tel: (03) 232-22-40

4-Lieu et date de réception des offres
Les offres doivent être déposées au siège social de la Sucrerie de Kiliba.

5-Durée de validité des offres
Les soumissionnaires resteront liés par les termes de leur offre pendant 90 jours.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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ACCOUNTANCY
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT
STOCKBROKING

A young qualified Accountant with 5 years experience in financial accounting and stockbroking. He is seeking a position where he can use his skills and experience.

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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE
MANAGER REQUIRED FOR PLASTICS EXTRUSION DEPARTMENT

Capable, energetic, and motivated. Must have experience in the plastics extrusion industry. He will be responsible for the management of the plastics extrusion department.

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SAUDI ARABIA
ASSISTANT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE

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ENGINEERS
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CONTRACT SURVEYOR
required at our Head Office in London for the purpose of carrying out contract surveys.

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EXPORT SALES
£11,000-£12,000

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SALES MANAGERS

London Quota earnings £12,000 per annum. Must have experience in sales management.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
POLYTECHNIC
Method of Electronic Engineering

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SENIOR LECTURER OR LECTURER II
IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

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PROJECT MANAGER
£12,000-£13,000

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SAUDI ARABIA
REPRESENTATIVE

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AGENTS-OPPORTUNITY
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